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TT Christmas Fund's 53rd Annual Appeal To Help Those in Need

For more than half a century, the approach of Thanksgiving has marked the beginning of the TOWN TOPICS Christmas Fund (TTCF) appeal. It would be hard to think of a more appropriate time than this day of gratitude and togetherness to begin an annual appeal that helps hundreds of people each year.

The Christmas Fund offers emergency financial aid to those whose resources have run dry and who have no one else to turn to. A man panicked at receiving a shut-off notice from a utility company, or a young mother terrified because there is no food for the table, can turn to the Fund.

As it has for many years, the J. Seward Johnson, Sr. 1963 Charitable Trust has already contributed $20,000 to this year's appeal. An accompanying note said that the fact that no overhead costs are assigned to this program would have pleased J. Seward Johnson, Sr. very much. All contributions are spent to help those in need, with nothing taken out for administration or overhead.

Contributions to the TTCF are sent to Family & Children's Services, which has offices on John Street. There, a volunteer comes to the office two mornings a week throughout the year to talk with people seeking help and to determine what can be done for them.

Financial assistance is often required to see an individual or family through a crisis. But sometimes

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Steve Tosches Resigns

Just before Town Topics' press time it was announced that Princeton football coach Steve Tosches had resigned. Whether University athletic director Gary Walters had asked for his resignation was not immediately clear. Tosches' departure follows four mediocre seasons, but his overall record as coach for 13 seasons was 78-50-2 and 51-39-1 in the Ivy League. An immediate search will begin for a successor.

Swirsky Will Leave PRS at Year's End

Regional Schools Business Administrator/Board Secretary Dan Swirsky will leave Princeton at the end of December to accept the position of assistant superintendent for the Winslow School District in Camden County.

Last month, Dr. Swirsky — who served as the district's interim superintendent from February 1998 to March 1999 — announced his resignation, effective July 1, 2000.

He has since moved up his departure date to meet the requirements of the Winslow job, which he recently accepted.

The Winslow District, which encompasses 60 square miles, is a new district, now being formed from the consolidation of school systems in several smaller towns that are located south of Bordentown, off Route 206.

"The Winslow District is located between Hammonton and Vincentown," Dr. Swirsky explained. "It was created as the result of a referendum in May 1999."

Total enrollment in the district will be double that of Princeton's, Dr. Swirsky said, and will number between 6,000 and 7,000 students.

Students in the Winslow area currently attend two regional high schools in lower Camden County, Dr. Swirsky said. Their elementary schools have either a K-6 or a K-8 configuration.

Part of the approved referendum will be the creation of both a high school and a middle school.

As PRS interim superintendent, Dr. Swirsky convened a long-range planning committee that explored various school configurations for Princeton. That committee was the forerunner of the present long-range facilities planning committee, which will present a report to the board of education on November 30.

"I've only read about districts that have gone through this kind of reorganization," Dr. Swirsky said yesterday. "I am excited; it is a very big challenge."

As assistant superintendent, he indicated, he will be involved in all areas of the transition — such as, evaluating assets of the present schools, making staffing decisions and much more.

At first, the Winslow administrative offices will be located in Blue Anchor, a community in the Pine Barrens, Dr. Swirsky noted. He was not sure where they would be, once consolidation was complete.

The Princeton Board of Education appointed Dr. Swirsky to the position of interim superintendent, following the departure of former

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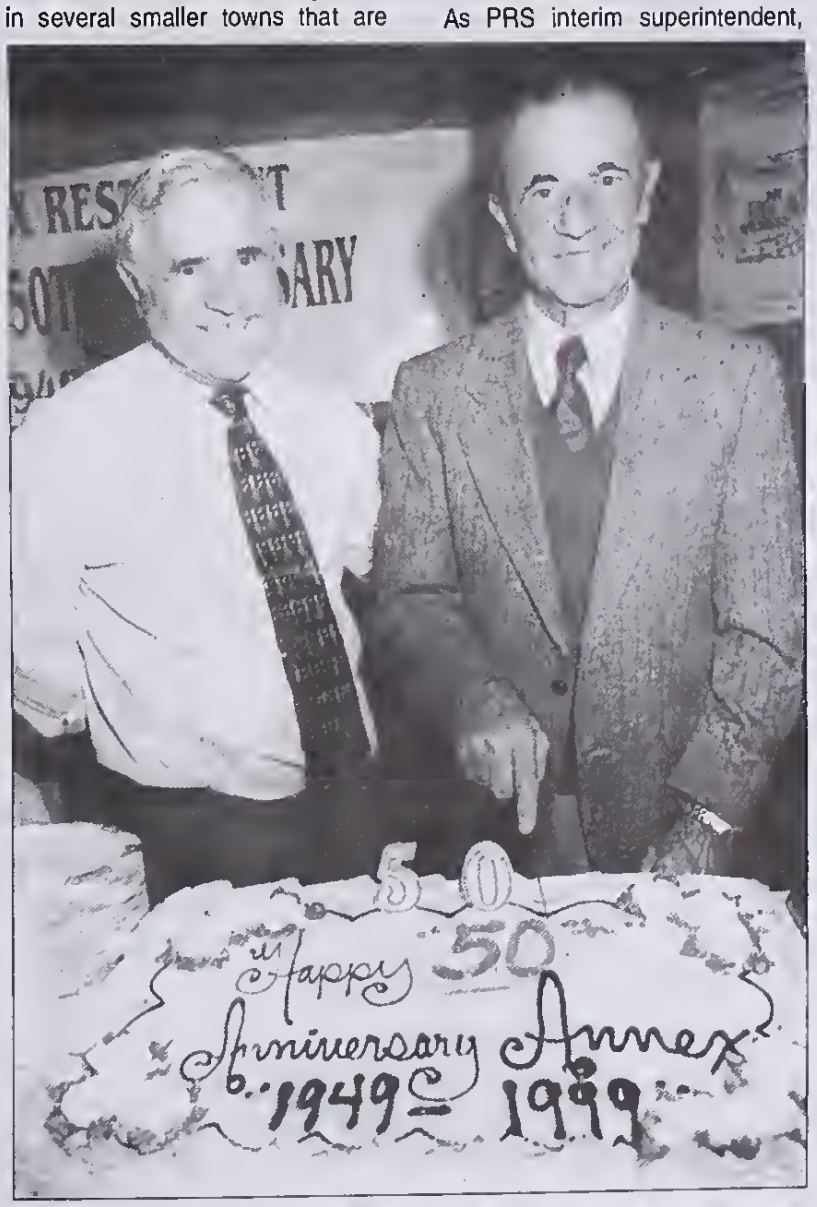

CELEBRATING A MILESTONE: Louis (left) and Henry Carnevale get ready to cut the anniversary cake to be shared with everyone at The Annex's 50th anniversary party. *(Photo by Charles Phox)*

More Than 50 Years Of Family Ownership Marked by The Annex

More than a half century of ownership by the Carnevale family, including 50 years at its present location, were celebrated at The Annex Restaurant Monday afternoon.

The modest restaurant, with its paneled walls and reddish-something carpeting, drew a roomful of people who wanted to celebrate something that Princeton holds dear — tradition. They gathered in the below-ground restaurant that was, as always, dimly lit by delightfully incongruous, nautically themed wood lamps.

This was the moment to pay their respects to a favorite eating place, and about a half dozen customers came to the microphone to do just that. Maybe the nautical touch offered by the lamps had something to do with the fact that many of the

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PHS Class of 1969 Will Hold Reunion

The Princeton High School class of 1969 will hold its 30th reunion on Saturday, November 27, at the Doral Forrestal, from 7 to 12 midnight. (The date in last week's issue was incorrect.) Warm up will be on Friday, November 26, at 9 p.m., at the same location.

The cost at the door is $110 per person (cash bar). Make checks payable to PHS Class of 1969/Gary Bleacher.

Drumthwacket Tours Will Start December 1

Drumthwacket, the official residence of the Governor of New Jersey, located at 354 Stockton Street, will be fully decorated for the Christmas holidays and will be open for tours of the public rooms during December.

Furnishings in the rooms include Tiffany silver from the U.S.S. New Jersey; a collection of 18th-century American antiques, many of them made in New Jersey; and a New Jersey porcelain collection highlighting Presidential china.

Tours will be conducted between 11 and 2, on December 1, December 5, December 8, and December 15. There is no charge; and reservations are not necessary. The gift shop will be open; and parking is available.

British Company To Pay $607 Million For Elizabethtown Water

The Elizabethtown Water Company, which supplies water to residents of the Princetons, has entered into an acquisition agreement with the United Kingdom-based Thames Water Company.

If the plan goes through, the British water company will purchase Elizabethtown for $607 million, or $68 per share, in cash. It will also assume the Elizabethtown debt: $341 million, as of September 30, 1999.

The transaction must be approved by Elizabethtown shareholders. Their endorsement will be sought at a special shareholders meeting that will probably take place during the first quarter of 2000.

Elizabethtown is one of the largest investor-owned water utilities in the U.S. in the year that ended December 31, the company supplied 51 billion gallons of water to approximately 234,000 retail customers, and served a population of more than 1 million people.

Elizabethtown Chairwoman Anne Evans Eastbrook commented that the offer by Thames Water "is in the best interests of our shareholders, customers, and employees who will all benefit from the advantages of Elizabethtown becoming part of a larger international company."

Consumer rates are not expected to increase; and may, in time, go down, according to Elizabethtown President Andrew Chapman.

More than 11 million British customers are served by Thames Water. The company also has a presence in Turkey, China, Southeast Asia, Australia, Puerto Rico, and Thailand. As the third largest global water service provider, the company serves 21 million customers worldwide and retains 12,500 employees.

According to a press release from Elizabethtown, Thames Water will work closely with the Elizabethtown management team "to support the future development of the company and to achieve the added value that will be generated by the combination of the two successful companies."

The acquisition is subject to approval by the NJ Board of Public Utilities and the US antitrust authorities. The approvals are expected to be forthcoming before the fourth quarter of the year 2000.

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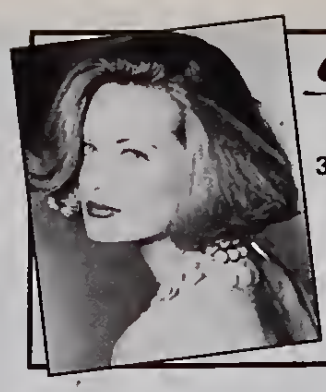
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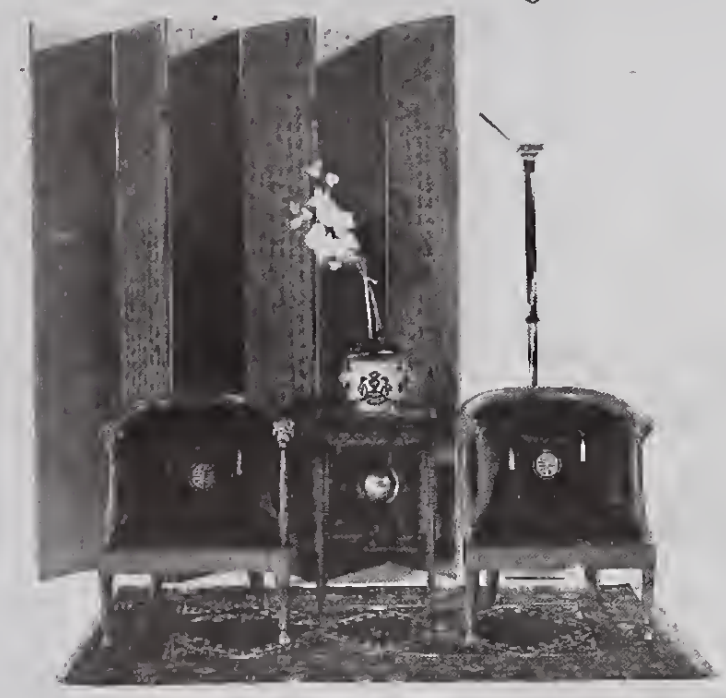
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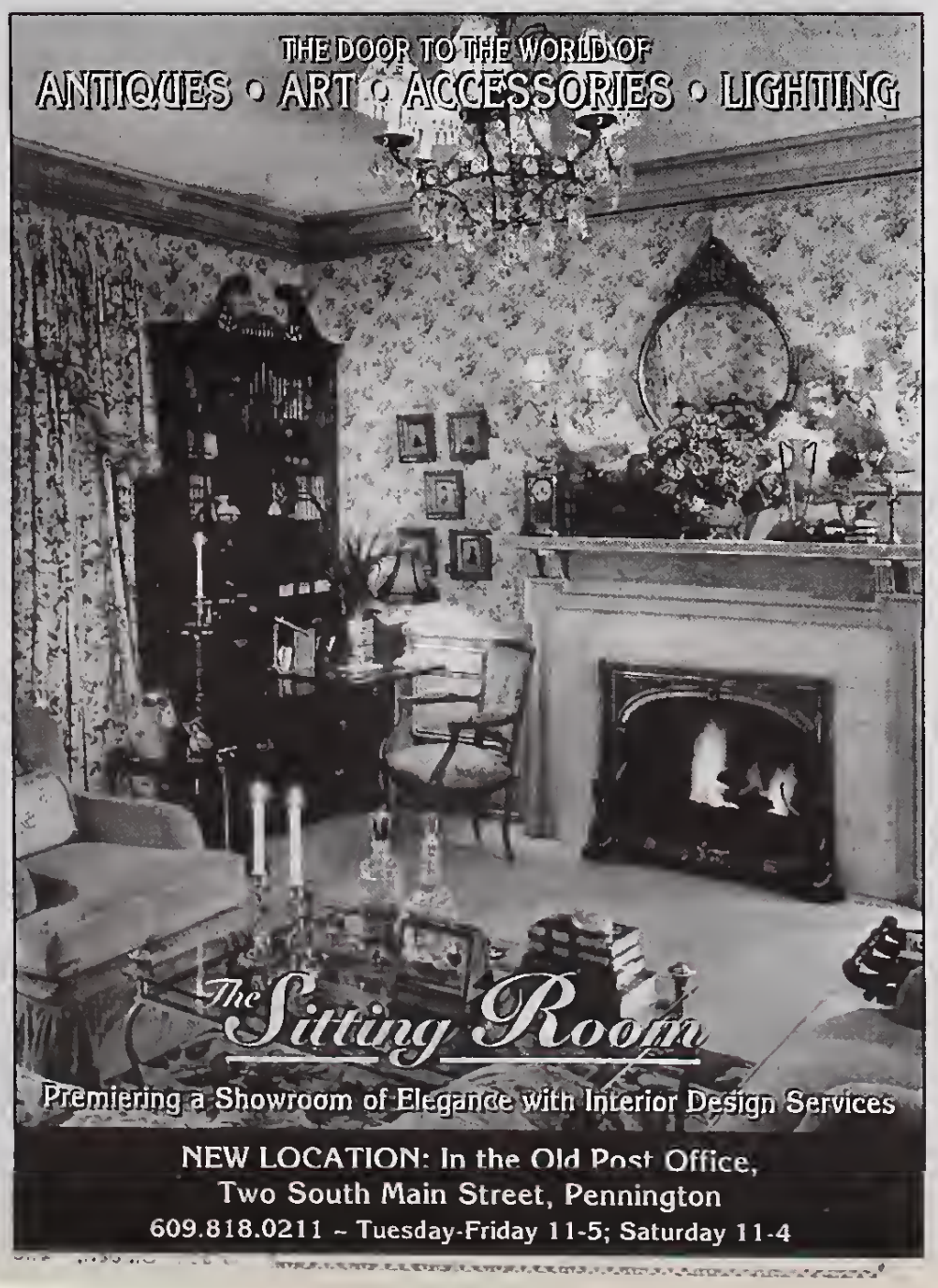

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WHITHER THE GARDEN? Princeton's only movie theater has been a subject of discussion by all parties concerned with its health and well-being. These include the Borough Mayor, Princeton University, the theater's manager, and a number of townspeople. *(Photo by Albert Raboteau)*

Garden Theatre Needs Improvements But Who Will Pay for These Expenses

TOPICS Of the Town

The future of Princeton's only movie theater, The Garden, has emerged as an issue to town and gown alike. Although its existence does not appear to be threatened, questions are being raised about how it can be improved to better serve the community

Some of the questions relate to the theater's condition, with general agreement that the seats should be replaced, the bathrooms renovated, and the walls and ceilings repaired and spruced up. But who is ready to take on these capital expenditures?

Princeton University owns the building, which it rents to the Garden Theatre at what both landlord and tenant agree is a fair rate. But should the University be expected to invest thousands of dollars in the theater's refurbishment?

"The University is very supportive of having a movie theater at this location," said Pamela Hersh, director of community and state affairs at Princeton. "However it is not directly part of our educational mission. There are a lot of questions about how much money we can pour into something not related to this mission."

Ms. Hersh said the University continues to subsidize the theater through favorable lease terms, and noted that when the current operator took over the garden in 1993, the University provided $50,000 for capital improvements.

She did not completely close the door on the University doing something more to improve the Garden, although what that might be remains unclear. "We are always talking about how this theater can be saved, but it's not something we want to do alone. Ideally there should be some kind of town-gown arrangement."

She continued, "We have to feel it's a priority among citizens. We have to feel that if we do something financially, it will be a cooperative situation." According to Ms. Hersh, the University would be responsive to a town-gown cooperative effort to improve the Garden.

Keeps Town Healthy

As for the feelings of the town, some idea may be gained from a letter signed by 15 Princeton residents that appeared in the November 17 issue of TOWN TOPICS. It began with the statement that the Garden Theatre helps keep downtown healthy. While offering no specifics, the letter stated that it will require imagination, entrepreneurial skill, and money to transform the theatre into a first-rate, user-friendly movie house.

Finally, the letter said that with all the human and other resources in the community, including Princeton University, "it is hard to believe that we could not achieve a unique and successful film house."

Grace Sinden, who organized the gathering of signatures for the letter, said the next step will be for Borough Mayor Marvin Reed to put together a citizens' committee to come up with ideas to present to the University.

She also envisions The Garden becoming a renovated theatre unique among the multitude of movie houses in the Princeton area. What would make it special would be its focus on offering foreign and independent films as well as the best of mainstream American films.

The Garden managers, Ms. Sinden acknowledged, have

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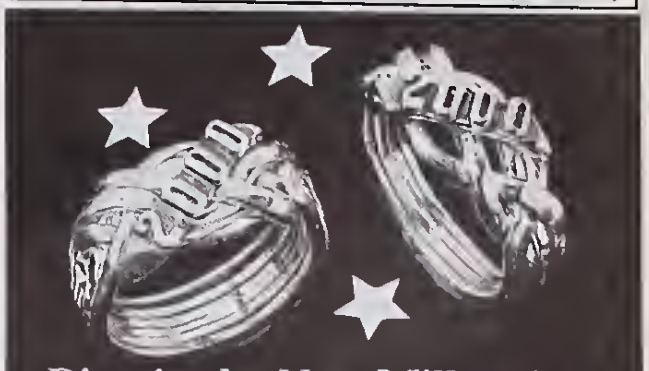

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tried to attract audiences by bringing in some of the better films. "But repeat business is very limited when the theater is uncomfortable and the ambiance less than pleasant," she said.

The Garden's Louise Stephens said the theater is barely breaking even, and that converting it into an art and independent house wouldn't improve matters. As an example, she pointed to the current bill, which includes *Being John Malkovich* and *Sleepy Hollow*. "We'll do very well with the Malkovich, but we'll pay the rent with *Sleepy Hollow*," she said. The Garden does try to offer at least one art film, she said, and is now trying to book Almodovar's *All About My Mother*.

Ms. Stephens said she has no problems with just breaking even (although its hard to imagine any business turning its back at making a profit). She met recently with Ms. Hersh, she said, and they both agreed that they were keeping The Garden going because they choose to do so for the benefit of students, staff, faculty, and town.

Ms. Stephens said The Garden has been affected by the number of theaters that have opened in the area in the past few years, which include two large multiplexes in Hamilton. One area theater seems to have already fallen victim to the competition; about two months ago, the Kendall Park Cinema closed its doors.

The Garden holds a long-term lease from the University, "a lease that was recently renegotiated to reflect the actual situation we have experienced," said Ms. Stephens. Her biggest concerns right now are the theater's seats and bathrooms, which she would like to repair and renovate. But there is no money available.

Last week, Ms. Stephens was waiting for estimates on converting The Garden into three or four screens — possibly two theaters and two screening rooms for art films. But she said the estimates were only informational at this time, and that there are no plans, and no money, for making these changes.

Mayor Reed feels the University wants to have The Garden remain in town because it doesn't want to encourage students to drive. "But, on the other hand, renting it at a discounted rent is not what an institute of higher education does."

He pointed out that the University helps maintain two other cultural institutions in Princeton, McCarter Theatre and Richardson Auditorium. "I think that if the University goes to the trouble [of refurbishing The Garden] they would want to be sure the town appreciates it," he said.

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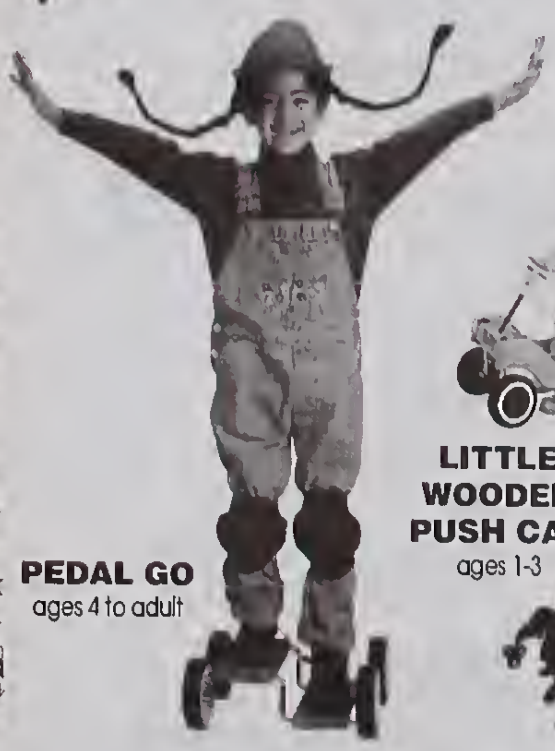

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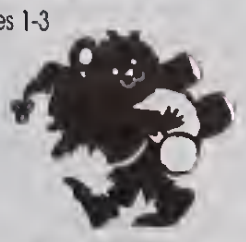

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MEMORIAL MAPLE: Elementary and Middle School students at the Princeton Montessori School recently participated in the planting of a Japanese maple tree to honor the memory of Yuki Nagata, a toddler student who died in 1997. The school has hired landscape artist Peter Soderman to create a Japanese-style garden in memory of Yuki, landscaped with perennial flowers. The garden will include a fish pond and will be a quiet space where students and families can remember those who have touched their lives.

Council to Discuss Parking, Open Space At Nov. 23 Meeting

The agenda for the Tuesday night, November 23 meeting of Borough Council includes a recommendation by Mayor Marvin Reed to increase meter rates around Palmer Square. Also on the agenda is a presentation by Environmental Commission Chair Gail Ullman requesting the Borough to schedule a referendum on establishing an open space tax.

Mayor Reed is expected to recommend that the Borough increase the rate on all two-hour meters on Palmer Square East, Palmer Square West, and Hulfish Street from 75 cents to one dollar per hour.

In May, 1998, Borough Council voted to raise the meter rate throughout the Central Business District from 60 to 75 cents an hour, and to extend meter hours from 6 to 7 p.m. Rates on meters outside the downtown and on Borough lots were also increased.

Mr. Reed bases his request for the rate hike on his desire to establish closer parity between the on-street meters around Palmer Square and the recently increased rates charged by the Palmer Square garages. He predicts that the rate increases at the garages will make it even less likely that shoppers and other short-term parkers will use these facilities.

"[Drivers] will compete that much more vigorously to try to find on-street meter spaces and use the Borough's on-street metered parking lots. They will also tend more likely to fill up the Borough's Park and Shop lot next to the Library," said Mayor Reed.

He added that all-day parkers coming into town to do business will have even less of an economic incentive to use the garages, and they too would find meters more attractive.

Open Space Tax

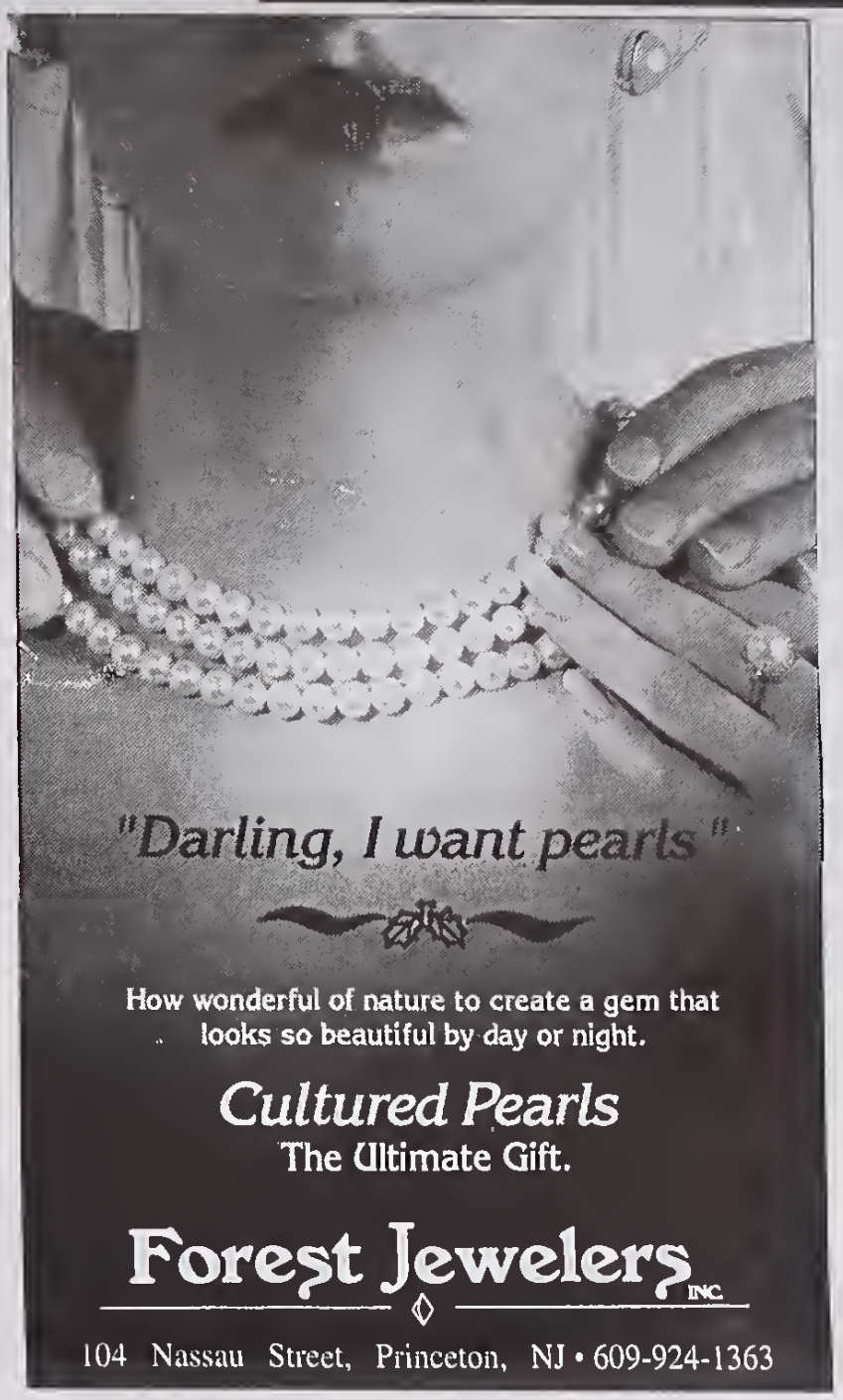
In her presentation, Ms. Ullman will ask Mayor and Council to consider the creation of an Open Space Trust Fund, to be financed by an open space tax. The Environmental Commission encouraged Township Committee to create such a fund in 1997. Township voters that year approved an assessment of one cent per $100 of assessed valuation to raise money for the acquisition, development and maintenance of lands for recreation and conservation purposes.

A recent plan by The Hillier Group to develop a portion of Coventry Farm on The Great Road appears to have spurred the Environmental Commission's action. During a concept review of Coventry Farm last month, Planning Board members asked that the Borough and Township, in consortium with other groups that could help with the costs, purchase the farm in order to ward off development.

The Hillier plan includes the construction of 70 housing units on the western tract of Coventry farm and nine single-family homes on the eastern tract. Twenty-eight acres of open space on the eastern tract would be dedicated for passive recreation, and a conservation easement would be placed over 90 acres on this tract.

Mayor Reed has made it clear from the outset that the Borough would participate in this purchase only if the land provided playing fields and other recreation space. According to the Mayor, "Considering all the other needs pressing upon us, we could not afford to participate in buying the land for non-active, passive uses."

—Myrna K. Bearse



PHS SCHOLARS: Some of the 35 Princeton High School seniors named "Commended Scholars" in the 2000 National Merit Program, with PHS Principal John Kazmark. They are, back row, from left, Sunanda Baliga, Dr. Kazmark, Ezra Fischer, Brian Lalli, and Alexander Astle. Middle row, from left, Arielle Bender, Swapna Reddy, Philip Santiago, and Lukas Chen. Front row, from left, Elizabeth Just, Julia Driscoll, and Cara Zeldis. Not pictured were Suzanne Bermann, Kavita Bhanot, David Draine, Drew Forman, Dixon Hayes, Matt Jackson, Elizabeth Jerry, Hochul Lee, Matthew Levine, Melissa Levine, Charles Len, Anthony Marchetta, Michael Nolet, Joshua O'Neill, Benjamin Sandler, Victoria Scire, Ting-chin Shen, Jose Thomas, Matthew Viani, Eleanor Wieschaus, Elizabeth Wilson, Ashley Wright, Leslie Wright, and Rebecca Zack.

Township Teen Sexually Assaulted At Saturday Concert

Police are looking for a man who tried to force himself on a 17-year-old Township female during the intermission of a concert at Princeton University on Saturday night.

The victim and a friend met the attacker in a coffeehouse on Witherspoon Street, and accepted his invitation to a concert at Alexander Hall, said police.

The victim, who attends Princeton High, said her attacker identified himself only as "John." Police described him as a white male in his late 20's, 5'10, slender, with blond, shoulder-length hair. On the night in question he wore dark-framed glasses and a light yellow shirt.

Around 9:10, the victim and her friend were standing in Alexander Hall's balcony area during intermission. The suspect approached the victim and grabbed her buttocks. She protested, and he pulled her behind a curtain and started touching her hips and pelvic area.

The victim escaped her attacker's grasp, and left the area. Along with her friend, she reported the incident to university public safety, who called police around 9:26. Police searched for "John," but could not find him. He is wanted for criminal sexual contact.

Arts Council's Holiday Sale Will Be Dec. 3-5

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HUN SCHOLARS: Two students at the Hun School are semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program, and nine achieved the status of Commended Student. From left, Jonathan Powers, Ian Spurlock, Edward Lee, Colin Speaker, Evan Ashworth (semifinalist), Michael Tchorni, Lauren Fine, Mike McPeak, Kari Horowitz, Aditi Prabhu (semifinalist), and John Lynch.

Masked Men Carjack Victim On Alexander Street

Two masked men carjacked a 53-year-old man from West Windsor at knife-point on November 17 in the parking lot of the victim's office at 350 Alexander Street.

The car was later recovered, intact, in Trenton. The carjackers were still at large Tuesday evening.

While walking towards his 1996 Mercedes at 10 p.m., the victim was confronted by two men who had wrapped their faces in gauze in order to hide their features. One of the men brandished a knife and threatened the victim with it, said Township police captain Peter Savalli.

The victim resisted, but could not keep his attackers from wrestling away his car keys. While the victim continued to struggle with one crook, the other one entered the victim's car and started to drive away.

The driver called for his partner to jump on the hood, then, with his partner clinging precariously to the outside of the vehicle, drove south on Alexander Road towards Route 1. The victim, who was not hurt in the incident, chased after them on foot.

After putting some distance between himself and the victim, the driver stopped. His partner entered the vehicle, and the pair sped off out of the victim's sight. They have not been seen since, and, in a sense, never were.

The crooks did such a good job of disguising their features that police investigating the case had no descriptions to work with, said Savalli. Authorities hoped to find some evidence in the recovered Mercedes, which they planned to return to the victim after searching it, said Savalli.

Neither Savalli nor Borough police lieutenant Charles Davall could recall any carjackings in Princeton since 1997, when Sandy Casiano forced his way into an elderly man's car while trying to elude police after robbing the Sovereign Bank on Nassau Street. "It's certainly not an everyday occurrence," said Savalli.

When asked for ways to lessen one's chances of being carjacked, the captain said, "Be aware of your surroundings; have your keys ready; park in a well lighted area."

But those precautions are no guarantee of safety, he warned, given the crime's random nature. "It's difficult to protect against," said Savalli. Carjackers "usually come out of nowhere."

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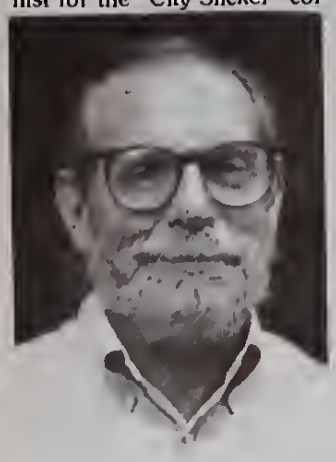
The writers are Jonathan Ames '87, Reginald Gibbons '69, Jane Hirshfield '73, John McPhee '53, and David Treuer '92. They will be introduced by Paul Muldoon.

Jane Hirshfield

Jonathan Ames, in addition to being a novelist and storyteller, is a newspaper columnist for the "City Slicker" col-



John McPhee

umn in the New York Press. He is a 1999 winner of a Guggenheim Fellowship, and has performed in such venues as LaMaMa and the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Reginald Gibbons is professor of English at Northwestern University. He is the author of six books of poems, a novel, a collection of short prose pieces, three volumes of translation, and a critical study. He has won fellowships for his poetry from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Illinois Arts Council.

Jane Hirshfield is the author of four collections of poetry as well as a book of essays on poetry. Currently on the faculty of the Bennington Writing Seminars, she has received the Poetry Center Book Award, fellowships from the Guggenheim and Rockefeller Foundations, Columbia University's Translation Center Award, and the Commonwealth Club of California Poetry Medal.

John McPhee, the author of 25 books published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux, has been a staff writer for the New Yorker since 1965 and Ferris Professor of Journalism at Princeton University since 1975.

He has received numerous awards, including the Pulitzer Prize in 1999, the Award in Literature, American Academy of Arts and Letters; the Woodrow Wilson Award from Princeton University; and the Walter Sullivan Award from the American Geophysical Union.

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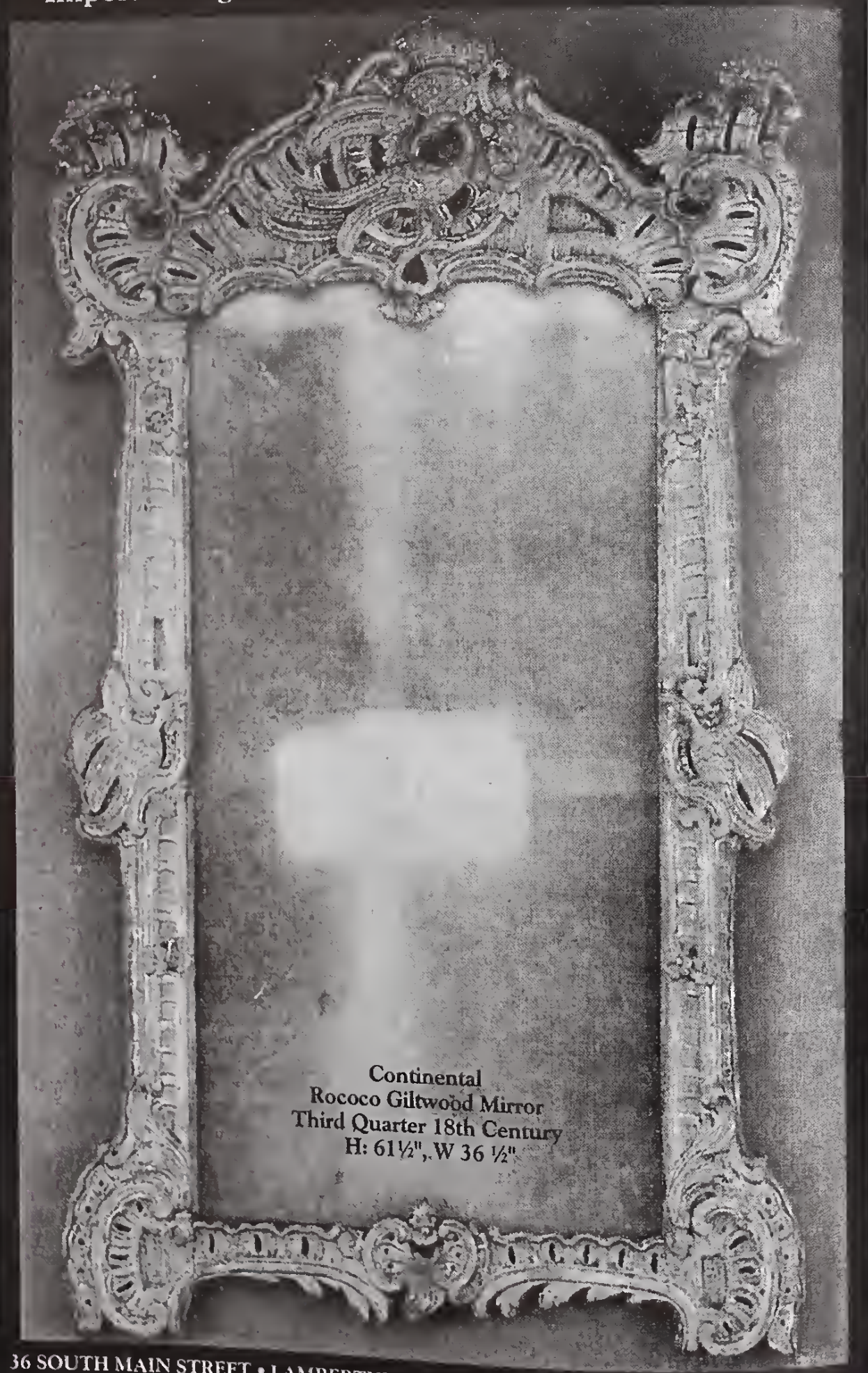

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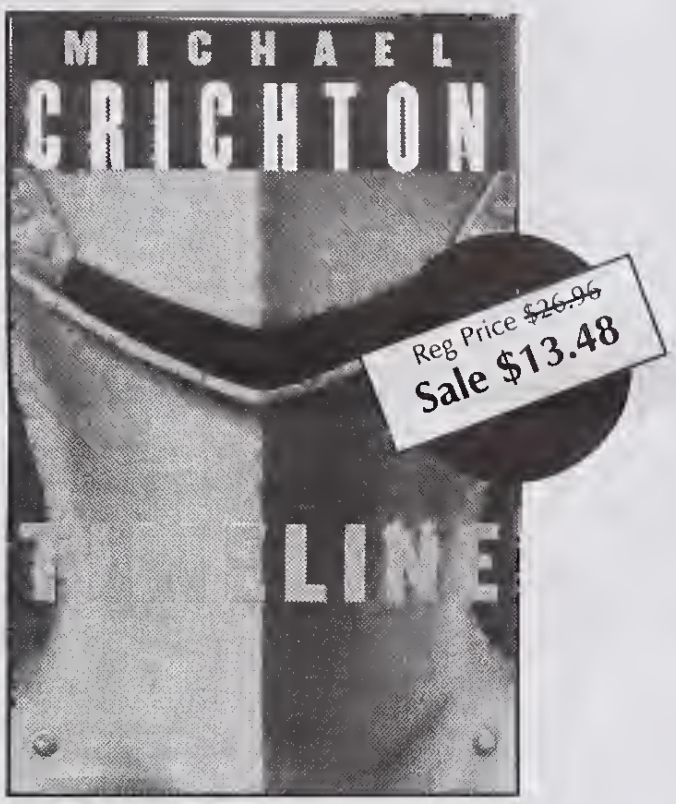

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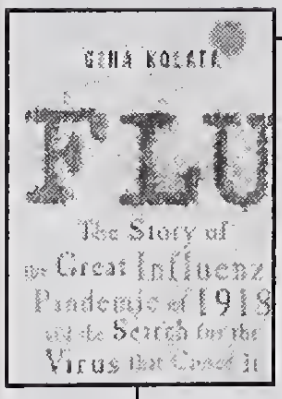

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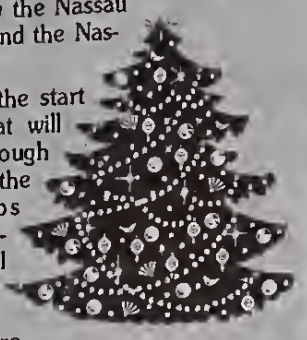
Santa Claus Is Heading to Town With Lights for the Holiday Tree

Palmer Square will kick off the holiday season with its annual Tree Lighting on Friday, November 26 at 5. The 65-foot Norwegian spruce will be adorned with 32,000 multi-colored lights and will be lit with the help of Santa Claus.



The lighting of the tree — which will be preceded by a 35-minute concert by the Princeton High School Choir — will feature performances by the Nassau Presbyterian Church Choir and the Nassau Brass.

The Tree Lighting marks the start of the holiday activities that will continue every weekend through Christmas Eve. This year, the strolling musical groups include a Dickensian-costumed quartet, several brass groups and a saxophone quintet. The groups will perform on the Square each Saturday and Sunday between 1 and 3. Holiday event schedules are available in all Palmer Square Shops.

There will be old-fashioned horse and carriage rides between noon and 4 each weekend from Saturday, November 27 through Sunday, December 26. The rides, which will depart from the comer of Nassau and Witherspoon Streets, will take passengers on a 15-minute tour of downtown Princeton and will cost $20 per ride (limit four adults, two small children). Discount coupons for the rides can be picked up at the Borough Merchants Holiday Headquarters, located at this year's sponsor, Prudential, 138 Nassau Street.

Santa Claus will stroll throughout Palmer Square and downtown Princeton every Saturday and Sunday between noon and 4, from November 27 through December 19.

Shoppers can enjoy free holiday parking between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve — Monday through Saturday, from 5 to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 10 to 10, with a Palmer Square store validation.

'World Politics Today' Will Be Addressed In Institute Talk

Jack F. Matlock Jr., the George F. Kennan Professor in the School of Historical Studies at the Institute for Advanced Study, will present a talk entitled "Preparing for the 21st Century? World Politics Today" on Wednesday, December 1. The lecture, which is intended for a general audience and is open to the public, will take place at 4:30 p.m. in Wolfensohn Hall on the campus of the Institute, Olden Lane. A reception will follow in the Fuld Hall Common Room.

Since the end of the Cold War, international relations have been transformed in ways still imperfectly understood. This lecture will offer an analysis of world politics at the turn of the millennium and an assessment of U.S. foreign policy in the post-Cold War environment.

Immediately prior to coming to the Institute for Advanced Study in July 1996, Jack Matlock was the Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Professor in the Practice of International Diplomacy at Columbia University. From 1991 to 1993 he was Senior Research Scholar at the Harriman Institute, Columbia University.

Mr. Matlock served 35 years in the American Foreign Service, from 1956 to 1991, and was the last U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union, serving from March 1987 to August 1991. During his four tours of duty in the Soviet Union, he spent a total of 11 years at the American Embassy in Moscow.

Before his appointment as Ambassador to the USSR, Mr. Matlock served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director of European and Soviet Affairs on the National Security Council from 1983 to 1986. His responsibilities included advising the President on European, Canadian and Soviet affairs and coordinating preparations for meetings by the President with European and Canadian leaders.

In his various capacities, Mr. Matlock participated in all the U.S.-Soviet Summit meetings from 1972 to 1991 except for the Carter-Brezhnev meeting in Vienna in 1979.

Mr. Matlock, a native of North Carolina, was educated at Duke University (A.B. summa cum laude) and Columbia University (M.A.) He has written numerous articles on U.S.-Soviet relations, Soviet and Russian foreign policy, the Soviet government, and Russian literature, and is the author of *Autopsy on an Empire: The American Ambassador's Account of the Collapse of the Soviet Union.*

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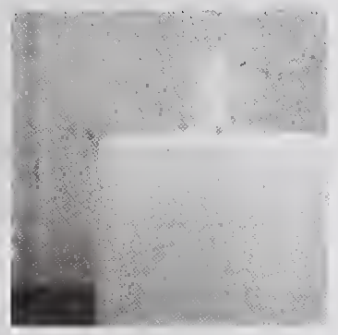

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Low-Cost School Construction

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The Whitman administration, under court order to repair and replace schools in the 30 poorest districts, must pay the full cost of those improvements. The bill would also provide limited construction assistance to every district in the state.

For wealthier districts — like Princeton — where state aid covers less than 27 percent of debt expenses, the biggest benefit of the plan would be an option to relinquish the "debt service aid" and instead borrow from a $1 billion revolving loan fund.

Because the fund — which will offer loans at 2 percent interest — will distribute no more than $200 million a year, projects would be ranked according to "critical need."

Abortion Notification

State Superior Court Judge Marguerite Simon has promised to rule early in December whether the state can require doctors to notify a parent when a minor daughter wants an abortion.

Lawyers for the American Civil Liberties Union are asking Judge Simon to declare the New Jersey law requiring notification unconstitutional, while the state is defending the law, which was supposed to take effect on September 26.

The state Supreme Court prevented the law from going into effect, saying the courts should decide whether the measure is constitutional. Whatever the judge decides, it is likely the case will be heard by the state Supreme Court on appeal.

State Police Relax Rules

The NJ State Police have relaxed experience requirements for applicants, in order to attract more minorities to the force. The change has put an end to consideration of a proposal to require all state police applicants to have four-year college degrees.

Since 1993, there has been a requirement that all police cadets be college graduates, with an exception for applicants with two years of college, plus two years of law enforcement or military employment.

Now the work experience standard has been broadened to include any "satisfactory employment." The two-year college requirement still stands.

Hospital Emergency

About 60 percent of New Jersey hospitals last year finished in the red; and officials have predicted that at least 15 hospitals will soon close. According to an 83-hospital report on finances, commissioned by the New Jersey Health Care Facilities Financing Authority, managed care companies have denied $200 million worth of hospital bills.

The report also found hospitals are being hurt by reduced charity-care payments from the state and $1.8 billion in federal Medicare cutbacks. Smaller hospitals are the hardest hit, but larger hospitals have also begun to feel the pinch.

Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick recently announced that it could not afford to continue its contract with Aetna U.S. Healthcare.

The report also notes that acute-care hospitals could save more than $1 billion annually by more rapid discharges, using vacant beds, cutting staff, and taking other steps to reduce per patient cost.

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Teens Attack A Borough Man They Say "Ratted"

Three Princeton teenagers were arrested on November 18 in connection with the November 16 beating and robbery of a Borough man in the YMCA field on Paul Robeson Place.

Alonzo Green, 18, of 41 Redding Circle, the only suspect of legal age, was charged with robbery, simple assault, theft, and tampering with a witness. He posted 10 percent of $22,500 bail and was released.

Police charged two 17-year-old males with juvenile delinquency for their alleged roles in the attack. Both were taken to the Mercer County Youth House. At press time, no court-date information was available for any of the accused.

The suspects all attended Princeton High School. The 22-year-old victim knew at least one of them. According to reports, the trio confronted the victim at 8:13 p.m., accused him of "ratting out" one of their friends to authorities, then assaulted the victim.

After knocking him to the ground, the teens continued to punch and kick the victim, said police. In the attack, the victim's right ear was torn partway off his head; his front tooth was chipped; both his eyes were blackened; and he suffered multiple cuts to his face.

After staggering home, the victim went to the Medical Center at Princeton, where he was interviewed by police detectives. The victim was released from the hospital that night.

On the 17th Detective Steve Riccitello signed warrants for the suspects' arrests. They were picked up a day later.

HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE: From left are Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL) Director Rob Goldston with 1999 Kaul Prize recipients Zhihong Lin, Michael Williams, and Masayuki Ono, and Princeton University Research Board Chair Will Happer. Mr. Goldston and Mr. Happer presented the citations for the Kaul Foundation Prize for Excellence in Plasma Physics and Technology Development to the recipients during a ceremony at PPPL.

Window Decorating Contest Is Annual Holiday Event

The Borough Merchants for Princeton's seventh annual Old Fashioned Holiday in Princeton Window Decorating Competition will begin on Friday, November 26. As an important part of Old Fashioned Holiday in Princeton, the contest will include all holiday windows in Princeton Borough.

Judging will take place the week of Monday, December 6, commencing at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 10. Awards will be presented in person by Borough Merchant representatives on Monday, December 13. One First Place ribbon will be awarded in each category: Most Imaginative, Most Elegant, Most Appealing to Children, Most Amusing, Most Old Fashioned and Most Magical. Additionally, the judges will award one prize to "The Best of Show."

This year's judges are Pam Hersh, Community & State Affairs Princeton University; Princeton Borough Mayor Marvin Reed; Anne Reeves, Arts Council of Princeton; Ruta Smithson, Princeton University Art Museum; and Karen Tiller, Opera Festival of Princeton .

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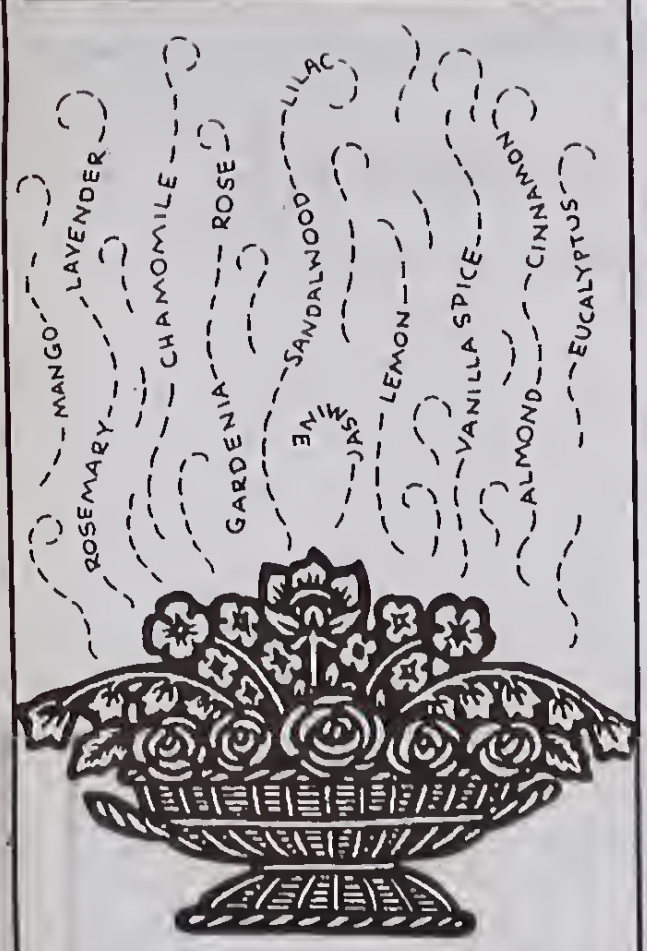

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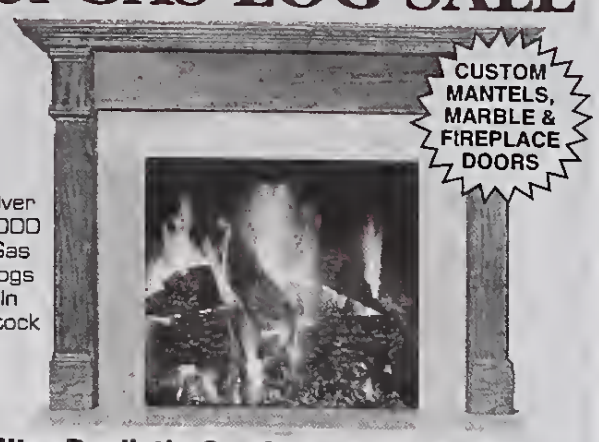

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Herbed Root Soup

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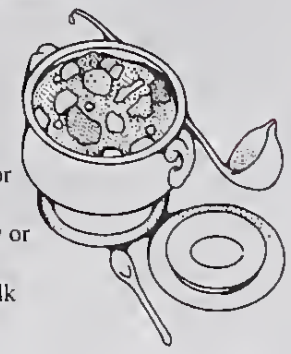

- 1 medium rutabaga, about 3 pounds
- 1 pound parsnips
- 1½ tbsp olive oil
- 3 cups chopped onions
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 quarts water or vegetable stock
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme or 1½ tsp dried thyme
- 1 tsp chopped fresh rosemary or ½ tsp dried
- ½ cup half and half or soy milk
- 2 tbsp chopped parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste

1. Peel the rutabaga and parsnips. Chop into 1-inch pieces.
2. Heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onions and cook until softened, about 5 minutes.
3. Add garlic, rutabaga, and parsnips. Cook another 2 minutes.
4. Add water or stock and the thyme and rosemary.
5. Bring to a boil, then turn down the heat and simmer for about 45 minutes or until the vegetables are soft.
6. Puree soup in batches in blender or food processor.
7. Stir in the half and half or soy milk, 1 tablespoon of the parsley, and salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with remaining parsley.

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pepperoncini, focaccia, homemade crostini
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Mini Baguette and Focaccia Sandwiches
to include prosciutto and sardo with roasted red
pepper, grilled vegetable with balsamic splash,
broccoli rabe with pecorino cheese and grilled
chicken with smoked pepper chutney

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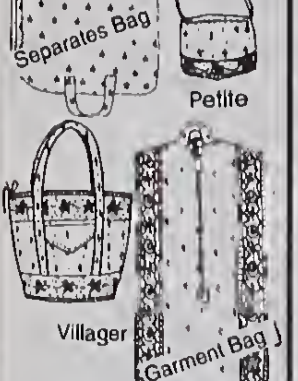
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While in the house (on Birch Avenue's 100 block) with a carpet installer, the realtor became suspicious when she entered the bathroom and found the bathtub was full of warm water.

She turned towards a closet door just in time to see the hand of whomever was hiding inside the closet pick an unidentified item off the floor.

The realtor and carpet installer left the house and called police, who responded and found Christopher Marrow, 36, of Birch Avenue, hiding in the attic. Clothing and other evidence indicated Marrow had been squatting in the house.

Marrow was arraigned on Tuesday and remanded to the Mercer County Correction Center in lieu of $2500 bail. He is eligible for 10 percent payment.

Vandals

A 21-year-old Princeton student was arrested by a patrolman who spotted him hit three parked cars with a piece of lumber around 2:12 a.m. on November 21, said police. Jacob C. Kenney, of Spelman Hall, was charged with criminal mischief and released with a January 10 court date. Police said he dented the front hood of a 1997 Acura. The other two cars were not damaged.

Using a sharp object, somebody carved a long scratch in the driver's side paint of a 2000 model year Toyota while the car was parked on Boudinot Street between 6:30 and 11:45 p.m. on November 16.

At Large

Between August 30 and September 1 somebody stole a check book from the desk drawer of a Princeton University employee who works in Guyot Hall. The crime was reported to police on November 17.

An unlocked Schwinn-brand mountain bike which was left unlocked in front of 1922 Hall on the Princeton University campus between 10 p.m. on November 15 and 10 a.m. on the 16th was easy pickings for one of the bicycle thieves who plague the university.

Then again, a lock could not prevent an 18 speed Rand brand bicycle from being snagged from a stairwell at Forbes College between 4 p.m. on November 16 and 10 p.m. on the the 17th.

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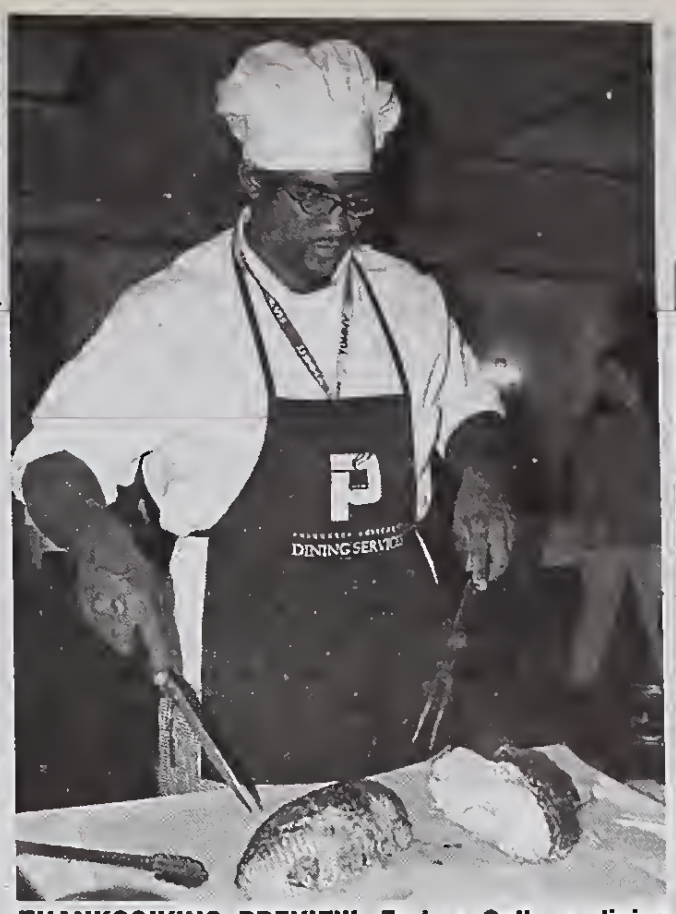

THANKSGIVING PREVIEW: Forbes College dining services provided a Thanksgiving-style feast for students last Thursday, a week before the actual event. John Mortons carved the Turkeys.

(Photo by Albert Raboteau)

This November PU Students Get Two Turkey Days

The turkey, the stuffing, the gravy, the cranberry sauce, it was all there a week early for the lucky Princeton University students who take their meals at Forbes College.

Forbes' dining staff pulled out all the stops and put on a Thanksgiving-style dinner for 350 appreciative students on November 18.

The meal entailed more work than usual for the Forbes dining crew, who served buffet-style in the dining room, rather than in the kitchen as usual.

The normally utilitarian dining room was spruced up with tablecloths and candlesticks on every table.

Moments before students arrived, Forbes dining services manager Julie Badessa was running around trying to make sure everything was just right. One of the white candles had some black wax stuck to it; she took one look at it and had it replaced with a pristine one.

"It's a more labor intensive presentation," said Ms. Badessa, as students filed in at 5:30. "It makes it more of a special occasion. A student comes in and isn't expecting candlesticks and tablecloths. They see the effort and they appreciate it."

Three-hundred-fifty students can pack away a lot of turkey. The feast consisted of 150 turkey legs, 150 turkey wings, 14 whole turkey breasts, five whole hams, four cases of broccoli, and 200 pounds of corn, said Ms. Badessa. Stuffing, gravy and cranberry sauce figures were not available.

Tomorrow (Thursday), many of the students who enjoyed last Thursday's meal will be home, enjoying similar fare with their families. If they feel a sense of déjà vu at the table, it may not just be because of the food, but may have something to do with the atmosphere.

"We strive for a real family-type atmosphere," said Ms. Badessa. "Most of the staff know a good portion of the students on a first-name basis. Students will often ask about staff members if they aren't here. It's really like a family."

"It's very nice," said freshman Ashley Frankson of the meal, between mouthfuls. "The candlelight is definitely a nice touch."

Frankson was sitting at the table whose candle Ms. Badessa had replaced. She did not see all the extra effort the meal entailed. But she sure appreciated it.

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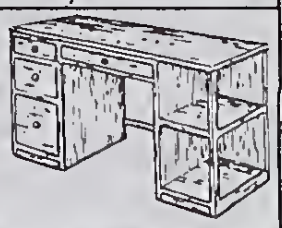
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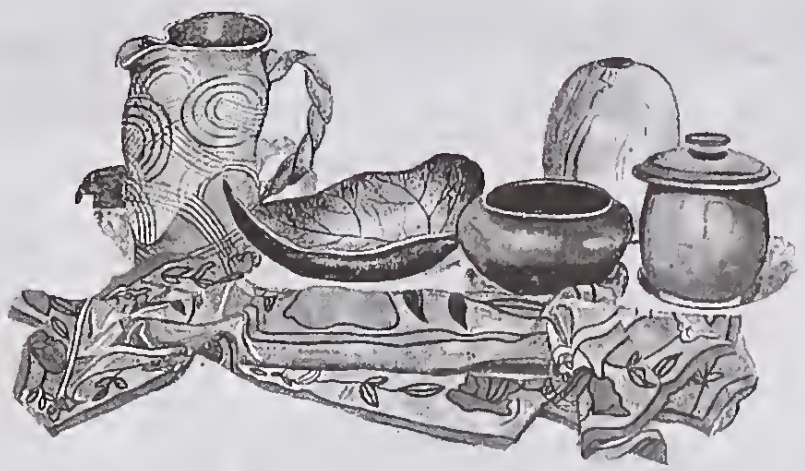
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Historical Society To Take Holiday Trip To New York Dec. 2

The Historical Society of Princeton will take its annual holiday trip to New York City on December 2. Participants will be able to enjoy New York's seasonal offerings, including special museum exhibitions, Rockefeller Center decorations and skaters, shopping, and holiday window displays. Visitors may tailor the day to their own interests.

The Historical Society bus will make two stops — near Rockefeller Center, and at the Metropolitan Museum. Participants may visit two special exhibitions now at the Metropolitan — "Portraits by Ingres: Images of an Epoch," and "Egyptian Art in the Age of the Pyramids."

Tour leader Eva Schwab will conduct a visit to the former Payne Whitney House, which contains a "Venetian Room," replete with mirrors, marble, gilt, and porcelain, that was created by Stanton White in 1906.

The tour will leave Princeton at 8:30 a.m., and return by 5. The Historical Society bus will pick up tour members at the Met at 3:30; and at Rockefeller Center, at 4. On the return trip, holiday cookies and sherry will be served.

The tour is open to the public, but participation is limited to 49 people. The cost is $30 for Society members; $35 for nonmembers.

For reservations, call 921-6748.

Candlelight Memorial To Honor Babies Lost

All those who have lost a baby through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth or newborn death are invited to a memorial service sponsored by. Unite and RTS Bereavement Services of the Medical Center at Princeton, to be held on Monday, December 6, at 7, at the Medical Center's Morgan Interfaith Chapel. The Medical Center address is 253 Witherspoon Street.

The service will be led by Medical Center Chaplain Louise Kingston and will include a candle-lighting ceremony in honor of each baby lost. A reception and time for sharing will follow the service.

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CP School Back on Line After Flooding

The Princeton Regional School district has engaged independent contractors to check out the two boilers at Community Park School, as well as the sump pump system, the electrical system, and the hot water heater, to make sure that no lasting water damage occurred when the school was flooded last week by a water main break.

Closed for two days — November 16 and November 17 — after the basement was inundated and the boilers submerged under four to five feet of water, the school reopened on Thursday, November 18.

Children were bussed to the district's three other elementary schools — Riverside, Littlebrook, and Johnson Park — where their own teachers taught them on Wednesday, November 18.

"We are back on line; the kids are there; and all equipment is working," declared PRS Assistant Superintendent Jeffrey Graber yesterday. He explained that there had been a break in the service line that carries water from the main under Witherspoon Street into the school.

"We were able to determine that the break was about eight feet from the building," Dr. Graber said. "Water seeks the lowest point and then begins to rise. It apparently seeped under the foundation of the building and entered the basement through the sump pits; the sump pumps could not handle the volume coming into the building. It is conceivable that the leak had been in the line for some time," he added.

The Elizabethtown Water Company helped district maintenance personnel isolate the leak, which a maintenance crew repaired. Dr. Graber said that the cost of repairs and maintenance checks had not yet been fully determined, but that district insurance should cover most of the expense.

Swirsky Resignation

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superintendent Marcia Bossart, who resigned in January 1998, citing "philosophical differences" with the board.

Dr. Swirsky continued to serve as business administrator and board secretary, even after assuming the duties of interim superintendent. At the end of last year, he decided to make a bid for the permanent superintendent position.

He was one of three finalists considered by the board and presented to the community. After the other two candidates withdrew, however, a board majority voted to return Dr. Swirsky to the business office — to the consternation of many students, parents, and teachers.

Members of the majority emphasized then that the district needed an administrator who was experienced as a superintendent

After rejecting Dr. Swirsky's application, the board selected Richard Marasco, a retired superintendent with more than 20 years' experience, to be PRS interim superintendent.

He has been at the district helm since April 8. He noted when he arrived in Princeton that he expected to be at the Valley Road administration building no longer than six months.

Seven months later, Dr. Marasco chairs an ad hoc superintendent search committee, composed of parents, teachers, administrators, board members, a representative of the minority community, and a representative of senior citizen interests.

The committee has interviewed some applicants, and Dr. Marasco was expected to update the board on the search during the board meeting of Nobember 23.

—Anne Rivera

Scouts to Hold Holiday Tree and Wreath Sale

Princeton Boy Scout Troop 43 will hold its annual live tree and wreath sale from November 28 through December 23 behind H. Gross, at the junction of Paul Robeson Place and Chambers Street. The scouts will be selling on week days from 3:30 to 5:30; on Saturdays, from 9:30 to 5:30; and on Sundays, from 1 to 4.

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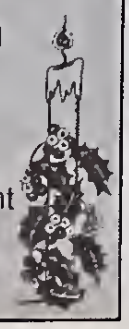

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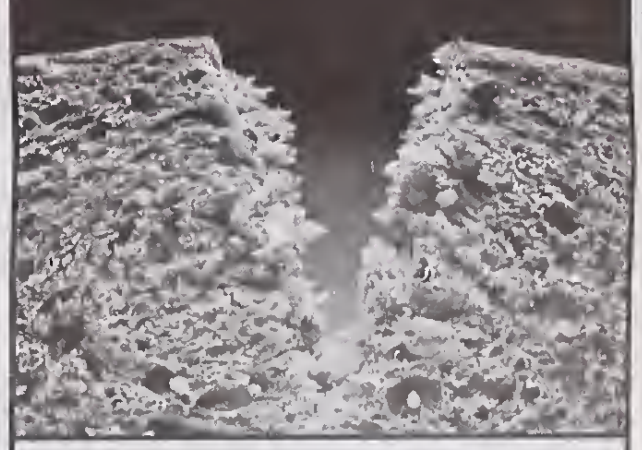

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Hospital Reports Births During Two Week Period

The Medical Center at Princeton has reported that nine children were born to area residents during the week that ended November 11.

Sons were born to Nagarajan and Parim Karthigeyan, Plainsboro, November 5; Mitchell and Andrea Rona, Plainsboro, November 6; Frank and Stephanie Schicchi, Plainsboro, November 8; Fermin S. Aparicio and Clara Paz, Princeton, November 9; and Gary and Carolann Appleby.

Daughters were born to Daniel and Jill Posluszny; Dr. Ali and Lori Chaudhry, Princeton, November 6; Kenneth and Michelle Jacob, Hopewell, November 8; and James and Amy Tenny, Princeton, November 10.

Week Ending Nov. 18

The Medical Center reported 18 births to area residents for the week ending November 18.

Daughters were born to Mark and Jane Campbell, Plainsboro, November 12; and on November 13, to Lawrenceville residents Avik and Maitreyi Roy; Robert Andreas and Mary Barrett; and Ivan Valdes and Alejandra Campo.

Daughters were also born to Soumendu and Arpana Bhattacharya, Plainsboro, November 16; Matthew and Mia Miller, Lawrenceville, November 16; and to Kandasamy and Sri-Sujan Rajaram, Princeton Junction, also on November 16.

Sons were born to Shashi and Anuradha Gupta, Princeton Junction, November 13; James and Janine Gaffney, Lawrenceville, November 14; Robert and Carol Scholz, Pennington, November 16; William and Lisa Cooper, Lawrenceville, November 16; Mark and Michele Brainerd, Princeton, November 16; and Michael and Jane Tofano, Belle Mead, November 17.

Sons were born, as well, to Jesue Cortez and Irene Gonzales, Prtnceton, November 17; Scott and Christina Magliochetti, Skillman, November 17; Kinfe Manna and Awet Tesfa, Princeton, November 17; Divyakant and Jyoti Desai, West Windsor, November 18; and to Jusiin and Sara Doran, Princeion Junction, November 18.

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For information, log onto their website currently hosied by Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission at www.wcchc.org/pnj.htm, or to receive a detailed list of volunteer opportunities, contact Preservation New Jersey at 392-6409.

English Country Dance Due at Patterson Center

Lambertville Country Dancers will sponsor an Evening of English Country Dance with Bare Necessities and Scott Higgs on Friday, December 3 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Suzanne Patterson Center, behind Borough Hall.

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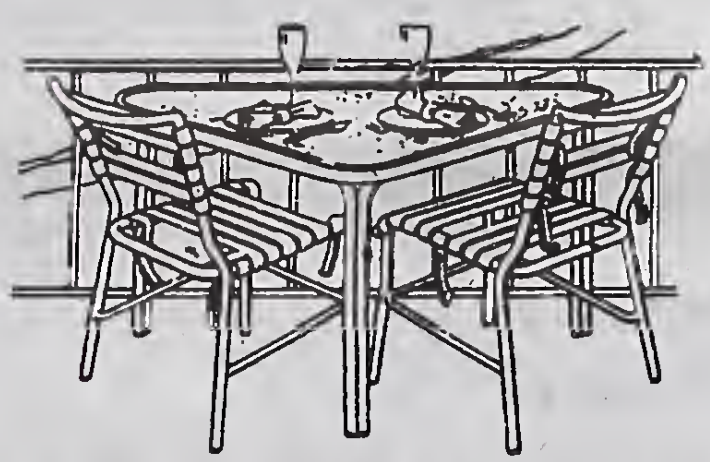

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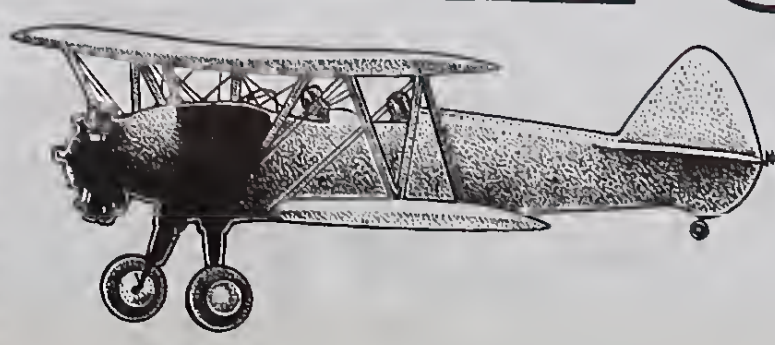

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Birder Lou Beck will lead the group as members search the Watershed Reserve for wintering birds. Participants will observe sparrows scratching the earth for seeds, chickadees and titmice foraging the trees for tiny meals, and vultures soaring far above. Bluebirds, owls, hawks, and pheasants are also possible, but the search will focus primarily on a variety of common birds and their winter behavior.

Meet at the Buttinger Nature Center near the main office building. The program is free, but pre-registration is required and enrollment is limited. For more information or to register call 737-7592.

Dreams of Lumiére To Benefit Eden Services

Princeton Consultants hosted a reception recently previewing this year's Eden Dreams fundraiser, "Dreams of Lumiére," which will benefit children and adults with autism. The preview reception provided an insider's view of the event, set for Saturday, January 22, 2000.

"Dreams of Lumiére" will be the 12th annual Eden Dreams gala, a white-tie dinner dance at the Hyatt Regency Princeton. Each year the theme of the event represents a time or place that can be visited only through one's imagination — or through Eden Dreams.

The name of this year's gala, "Dreams of Lumiére," was taken from the inventor of cinematography, Antoine Lumiére. Guests at this year's event will travel back to the Golden Age of Hollywood and spend the evening in the Silver Screen era of the '30s and '40s.

Princeton Consultants is the primary corporate sponsor and has been instrumental in encouraging additional corporate support. Sponsorship opportunities range from $3500 to $10,000 and above.

A company or individual who donates $5000 or more, will have additional seats at the gala, invitations to a special VIP reception, and public recognition opportunities in the program.

Individual seats are $300. Seating is limited, so guests are urged to make reservations early. All proceeds benefit the Eden Family of Services, which serves the life-span needs of children and adults with autism.

For reservations or information, call 987-0099.

Resource Center Seniors Decorate Bears for Children

For many years, the Princeton Senior Resource Center has coordinated the annual activity of dressing more than 100 bears or dolls donated by the Salvation Army to be given to nursery school children during the holiday season. Princeton area elders with nimble fingers and creative flair sew, crochet or knit outfits for "their" bear.

Others who have dressed bears through the years are East Windsor Senior Center, Princeton Borough and Township employees, The Women's Division of the Plumbing Association and other local organizations in the Princeton area.

The bears will be displayed in the Princeton Public Library for the first two weeks in December. After that they will be delivered by area seniors to Princeton Nursery School and other area preschoolers.

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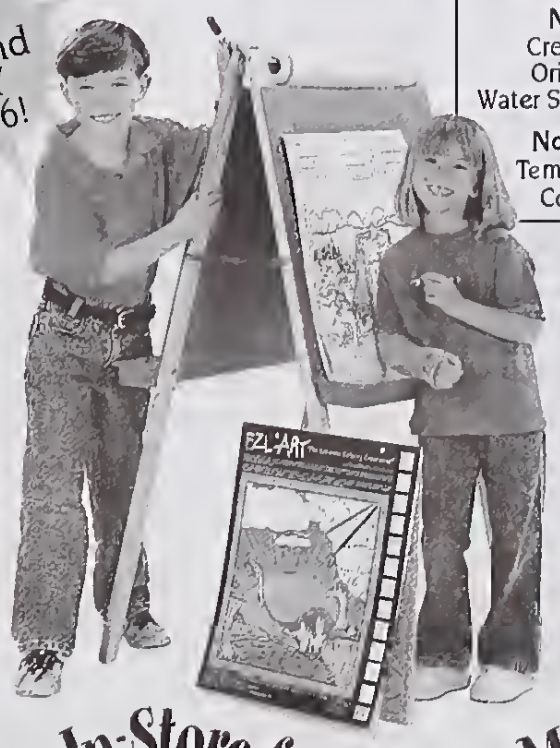

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Halfway House Teaches Life Skills to Women

CRAWFORD HOUSE: Jerrie Cosmi, left, and Jeanne Murphy, Crawford House program director and development director respectively, have embarked on an outreach campaign to inform their neighbors about the facility, which has kept a low profile since it was founded in 1978.

Six years ago, Doris W., 37, spent the holiday season at a halfway house in Skillman for women recovering from alcohol and other drug dependence. At Thanksgiving, she had been a participant in the six-month Crawford House program for less than the initial 30-day "black-out" period.

Her family — mother, stepfather, younger brother, and a daughter — were in Newark, until a few months previously, Doris had also lived there.

"I had never lived outside the city before," she recalled recently. "When I came to Crawford House — out in the country — it was culture shock. I thought, 'Oh, my god, what have they done to me?!'"

That Thanksgiving, as it turned out, was memorable. Doris' family and the families of other residents came to Crawford House to share a festive dinner that the women cooked. "It was safe," Doris recalls.

Now a management information systems coordinator for the National Council of Drug and Alcohol Addiction (Mercer County chapter) Doris reached Crawford House by a roundabout — not atypical — route. Women are generally referred by prosecutors, the courts, rehabilitation centers, or detoxification facilities.

"Most of the women who come here are indigent," according to Program Director Jerrie Cosmi. "They have been inpatients or outpatients in drug and alcohol programs; some have been imprisoned for drug possession." The residents range in age from 16 years to middle age."

The first stop on Doris' road to Crawford House was St. Elizabeth's detoxification center in Elizabeth where she went when her mother threw her out of the family home and forbade her to return.

"i was just tired of using," Doris says. Addicted to both alcohol and heroin, she had earlier dropped out of Upsala State College in East Orange because she could not handle both the addictions and the college work load.

After St. Elizabeth's, Doris went to the Turning Point rehabilitation center in Verona, from where she was referred to Crawford House.

"The rehab center was educational," she remembers. "I learned all kinds of facts and figures about addiction — but at Crawford House, a group of very supportive, loving, and caring people taught me how to *live*."

"We teach about the disease of addiction,"

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Crawford House

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Ms. Cosmi explains, but we also teach life skills and community involvement."

After the four-week orientation period, residents obtain part-time employment in the business community. "They learn responsibility and build their confidence back up," Ms. Cosmi notes. "Also, when they are employed, residents pay a portion of their salary towards their rent at Crawford House." Doris worked as a cashier at a local supermarket.

Established in 1978, Crawford House is a private, non-profit agency that has kept a very low profile for its 21 years of existence. It is located in a Revolutionary War-era farmhouse on 12 acres of land, set back from Sunset Road. There is space for as many as 14 women at one time. They share the housework and take turns cooking meals.

The Crawford House staff provides one-on-one counseling, along with mental health and social services and transportation to community Alcoholics Anonymous and/or Narcotic Anonymous meetings. There are also parenting and GED classes, when appropriate, as well as assertiveness training and nutrition counseling.

There is a "very focused treatment," Ms. Cosmi declares. It results in a success rate of 80 percent.

There are, of course, women who elect to leave before their six-month program is finished — like the resident who never returned from a dentist appointment. "She just wasn't ready," says Ms. Cosmi.

Those who stay — like Doris — sometimes find when the time comes, that they are sad about leaving. There is a "three quarter house" in Montgomery, which provides transitional space for those who have completed the Crawford House program but aren't quite ready to be totally on their own.

Doris stayed there — and never returned to her old Newark neighborhood. She bought a house in Trenton, brought her daughter, now 18, to live with her; and last year she got married to a co-worker in the drug and alcohol addiction field. In the fall she plans to begin study for her M.S.W. degree at Lincoln University, Lincoln University, Pa.

Executive Director Ruth Altamura-Roll has asked her to become the first former resident on the Crawford House Board of Directors.

—Anne Rivera

Benefit Concert

On December 11, at 7:30, the Deer Ridge Singers will present a holiday concert to benefit Crawford House, at the Harlingen Reformed Church, Route 206, Belle Mead. Tickets, sold at the door, will be $10 per person.

For information, call (908) 874-5153.

Reaching Out for Help

Crawford House, the private, nonprofit halfway house in Skillman for adolescent and adult women, is free to the residents. It is funded by the counties of Mercer, Somerset, Ocean, and Middlesex; but 50 percent of its income comes from corporate and individual donations and from fundraising activities.

"We have to reach out more than we have in the past," commented Development Director Jeanne Murphy recently. "For many years we have operated in a very private manner to guard residents' privacy." For one thing, she said, the need for repairs to the facility has reached a critical state.

She mentioned an "Adopt-A-Room" campaign in which benefactors who donate funds for badly-need repairs to the farmhouse will receive credit for upgrading individual rooms.

Fraying carpet needs to be replaced; the porch roof is leaking; the heating system is not working properly; and the upstairs bedrooms need painting, as do some of the rooms downstairs. Much of the furniture — while functional — is worn out.

"We welcome all help from the smallest monetary donation to help from corporate sponsors," Ms. Murphy says.

The facility also benefits from the assistance of volunteers. For example, a group of Princeton University students recently painted a downstairs hallway.

Volunteers are also needed for office work; for direct service, such as teaching classes in budgeting, creative writing, and other skills; and for miscellaneous help, like mowing, garden work, and other maintenance activities.

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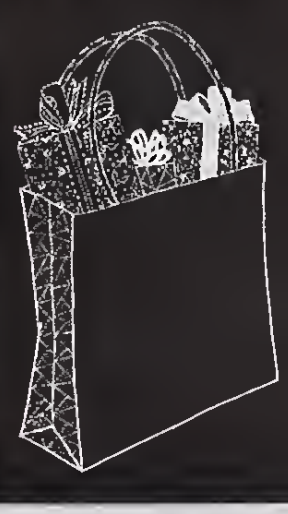

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Why Are Sidewalks a Private Responsibility When Our Streets Are Publicly Maintained?

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

Recently there was a letter to this newspaper about the less than beautiful environment at the Suzanne Patterson Center [see letter from Gillian Godfrey, TOWN TOPICS, November 17]. I have been a participant in activities there over the course of many years. As important as aesthetic matters are, I feel that the primary function of a senior center is to have broad services and activities which will be helpful, interesting, engaging and worthwhile.

Though the Suzanne Patterson Center lacks the beautiful plants which Gillian Godfrey tended when she was director, the Center remains a vital place where seniors do meet many of their needs. The staff is caring and thoughtful and the activities are appropriate and varied.

It has been frustrating that there is no functioning boiler there. We hope that this will be fixed expeditiously so that people can use this facility once again.

Thank you again, Gillian, for your past wonderful work. Now it is time to move along with present and future plans so that the seniors in our town are well served.

BILLIE EMMERICH
Dodds Lane

Primary Function of a Senior Center Is to Provide Broad Services, Activities

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

Anne Zuckerman's recent letter questions whether building owners on Nassau Street should have to pay for repairs to the sidewalks in front of their buildings. After all, she points out, sidewalks are public walkways.

I have been asking the same question about the sidewalks in front of homeowners' houses. These sidewalks are also public walkways, and the pedestrians who use them are usually not the taxpayers who own the houses. But the homeowners have to pay for sidewalk repairs and snow shoveling. Each time I ask, and I have asked mayors and engineers and other government officials, the response is a variation of: That's the way it's always been done, everywhere.

Why is that? Homeowners don't foot the bill for the streets that are finally being repaired in Princeton, except by paying taxes. How do sidewalks differ from streets with respect to the public they serve and the infrastructure they provide?

ELLEN SEILER
Jefferson Road

Senior Center Serves Community Better As Result of the Accreditation Process

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

In regard to Elizabeth Smith's letter of November 10 regarding the Princeton Senior Resource Center: The accreditation process is one that begins with extensive self-study and ends in professional evaluation. It is not competitive and we did not — and did not intend — to "win" anything in a competitive sense.

Rather, the PSRC met (or in most cases, exceeded) national standards. The process — self-study followed by professional evaluation — applies whether one or one hundred agencies choose to undertake the task. We benefitted a great deal from the experience, and are serving the community better as a result. Our programs are increasing in response to the numbers of seniors taking them.

The report and documentation from the National Council on Aging is on file at Spruce Circle, should any in the community wish to read it. We invite anyone to visit us at any time, to measure for yourselves the welcome and attention we offer.

CLAIRE R. JACOBUS
Cleveland Lane
Chair, Princeton Senior Resource Center

Master Plan Calls for Protection Of Neighborhoods and Gateways

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

I believe that the Convent property on The Great Road is a reasonable site for a CCRC. However, the current application, if approved, would degrade the neighborhood and would massively alter Princeton's magnificent gateway by, among other things, requiring widening and lowering of The Great Road.

I believe the proposed CCRC must recognize and adhere to the Princeton Master Plan, which calls for protection of neighborhoods and of Princeton's gateways. Such factors should govern the ultimate size of whatever is placed on the property. If a Township ordinance conflicts with the Master Plan, the ordinance should be changed.

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Instead of Rescinding CCRC Ordinance, Your Township Committee Sits Idly By

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

Citizens of Princeton, your quality of life is about to be diminished in all of Princeton — its face to the world is about to be permanently altered as your Township Committee sits idly by.

Please do not sit this out — the Regent's Mead development will denude The Great Road, create hundreds of truckloads of rock and stone that must be blasted from the Ridge and then carried on your roads. Six hundred new residents will live on the site and the workers will travel to work on already crowded roads crossing the Cherry Valley/Great Road intersection or going from Route 206 over Hodge and Cleveland. This is everyone's backyard.

Falsely asserting that the motivation is to protect our seniors, the Regent's Mead attorney is arguing to the Township Committee that the Township Continuing Care Retirement Community Ordinance (CCRC) supersedes all other limitations on blasting the bedrock, population density, building height and length, and environmental protection. He told the Township (and the Planning Board in a written brief) that unless the ordinance is changed, he will argue to the highest court necessary that the Planning Board has no *authority* to order him to reduce density of the population, the planned size of the 630,000-square-foot building, or to reduce the disturbance of 60 percent of the Our Lady of Princeton site, or to prevent the lowering of The Great Road by three feet and its widening by more than ten feet.

Regents Mead has made its position plain. It calls the CCRC ordinance an "invitation" by Princeton for exactly what it has now proposed — a disproportional and shockingly commercial site that will dominate The Great Road. As you come from Route 518 south down The Great Road, you will see perched on the highest hill — Princeton's Gateway — the massive face of six buildings the size of Home Depot. The Great Road, now rural and inviting, will become another blight.

Only the Township Committee can prevent Regent's Mead from asserting these legal arguments. Only the Township Committee can rescind and then rethink the CCRC Ordinance. It is reluctant to face its responsibility. It seems to be hiding behind a notion that it gave this Ordinance due consideration five years ago. But the unintended outcome has now become clear and a remedy is at hand. It will be irresponsible to evade the duty to reexamine the enormous harm this Ordinance will be argued to have authorized, eliminating any ability to make this site harmonious with the area. If no action is taken, Regent's Mead's argument that it was extended an "invitation" will appear again and again to the embarrassment of the Township Committee.

Hold your elected officials responsible for the quality of your Princeton life. This is in your backyard, it will affect your traffic, and the beauty of your surroundings. Urge the Township Committee to act while it can to prevent this depredation.

LAURA A. KASTER
Heather Lane

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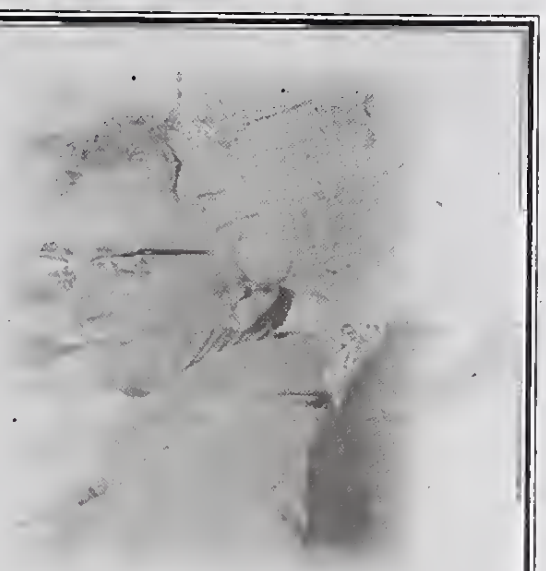
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Townspeople Are Urged to Attend Meeting on Library, Parking Plans

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

I write this as an individual rather than as a member of the Council of the Friends of the Princeton Public Library; nor am I in any way associated with the Arts Council of Princeton.

An appropriate fear may well be that what could happen in the "Heart of Princeton" may not happen. What could happen is that agreement could be reached by all parties (Borough Council, Township Commmittee, Princeton Planning Board, the Boards of Directors of the Arts Council and the Princeton Public Library) that there is a single solution to the interrelated factors of expansion of the Princeton Public Library, expansion of the Arts Council of Princeton, expansion or realignment of downtown parking.

If we stop analyzing and reanalyzing conclusions that have already been reached we could quickly establish that:

The Princeton Public Library is to be expanded to practically double its size utilizing part of the municipal parking lot bounded by Spring Street, Witherspoon Street, Wiggins Street as a site for a new facility or for an expansion of the existing facility;

The shortage, whatever its magnitude, of adequate appropriately located available parking space thwarting forward motion for the Library and challenging the Arts Council, can be resolved by building a properly scaled and masked parking garage on the same plot as the expanded Public Library;

The expansion of the Arts Council can be assured by virtue of expanded parking space with proper attention paid to the accessibility of both the parking facility and the Arts Council by imaginative treatment of the Library and the Arts Council building alignment and by lighting and traffic control at the intersection of Paul Robeson-Wiggins Street with Witherspoon Street.

Why is agreement now so important? Replacement of the Arts Council and the Princeton Public Library by additional offices would remove a cultural light which serves to balance the University's dominance of the other side of Nassau Street. By their very nature, the Public Library and the Arts Council bring a cross section of ages and interests to the Heart of Princeton up until the hours of evening closing for each of these institutions.

The minimum decisions needed at this time are the siting for the library expansion and for the building of a parking garage on the present municipal parking lot adjacent to the Princeton Public Library. Locking down these decisions still leaves plenty of opportunities for debate and study: e.g. how much parking is needed? should it be one or two stories or two stories with a parking level below street level? what types of building and purposes should be used to mask the new garage? While not everyone agrees that more parking space within very easy walking distance of the Princeton Public Library and the Arts Council is necessary, it is all too apparent that no program for the Princeton Public Library or the Arts Council will be feasible until there is public satisfaction that parking which could certainly be made available as proposed herein will in fact be committed.

Two meetings under the sponsorship of the Princeton Business Association Division Chamber of Commerce of the Princeton Area and the Free Enterprise Foundation will be held on December 8, one at noon in the Senior Room of the Nassau Inn and the other in the Dodds Auditorium of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at 8 p.m. The purpose of the meetings is to encourage the citizens of Princeton Township and Borough to respond to a presentation by Nelessen Associates (city planners) with input from The Hillier Group (architects for the Princeton Public Library).

It's your public library, your Arts Council and it's your town. Be there to learn the facts and to voice your opinion.

TOM HUNTINGTON

Witherspoon/Nassau Corner Blighted By 20 Newspaper Vending Machines

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

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Regent's Mead Math:

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A. **Regent's Mead:** Massive buildings, out-of-character with the neighborhood; Wholesale alteration of the natural topography through blasting and filling of up to 18 feet; Loss of many mature trees and destruction of the character of The Great Road Gateway.

It's not even the fault of Regent's Mead's developers. They're just following Princeton's CCRC ordinance. It was developed to meet a need that we can all agree on: allowing our seniors to find a retirement community right here in town. But the proof is in the details, and it's clear that our CCRC ordinace needs to be amended:

- **Density** should be based on developable, not total, acreage.
- We need a **Floor Area Ratio** (FAR) that fits the neighborhood that the CCRC is to be built in.
- **Building heights** must be in keeping with those of the surrounding buildings, not 79' high above nearby homes. It needs to relate to pre-construction topography.
- **We need greater setbacks and more incentives** for small campus-like development, rather than huge monolithic structures.

The Township Committee has the legal right to amend the ordinance now, before it is too late. We respectfully urge them to do so at once.

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Four Area Artists To Exhibit Here In "Global" Show

A show of work by four Princeton-area artists — Michael Berger, Jane Eccles, Richard Erdman and Robert Sakson — and four international artists will open on November 27, at Pringle/ Williams Gallery, 8 Chambers Street.

Pieces in the exhibition — entitled "Going Global, Contemporary Fine Art from Around the World" — range from Mr. Berger's impressionistic renderings of local landmarks like the Dinky Station, to Icelandic artist Karolina Larusdottir's etchings, based on childhood memories of Reykjavik.

Mr. Berger, an inventor of the Polaroid Corporation's 35mm instant slide film, used camera and darkroom techniques for years to create impressionistic work. The addition of digital paint has allowed him to explore new approaches to imaging. He recently created the series of Princeton scenes that will be on display.

Ms. Eccles first came to Princeton in 1978, where she began to do landscape drawings and paintings of the surrounding area. In 1990, she moved to Cape Cod, but she returns to Princeton every year to capture local scenes in pastel.

Sculptures by Mr. Erdman can be found in museum, corporate, and private collections throughout the world. Educated in the U.S., Mr. Erdman now maintains a studio in Carrara, Italy, where he works for a portion of each year.

Mr. Sakson began a series of commissioned paintings for The Williams Gallery in 1987. The resultant portfolio of 12 watercolors was included in a show at Bristol-Myers Squibb in 1991, entitled "Historic New Jersey: A Contemporary View."

Among the paintings on display will be the *Albert Einstein House 1998*, *McCarter Theatre 1998*, and *Morven 1998*.

International artists who will show, in addition to Ms. Larusdottir, include Czech painter Tanya Kohn, now a resident of Mexico; Italian painter Salvatore Magazzini; and British artist Mary Stork.

The exhibition will remain through January 22; the gallery will be closed for the holidays from December 22 through January 7. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11 to 5; and Sunday, 12 to 5. For more information, call 921-9292 or 921-1142.

ART

Holiday Arts Sale Starts December 3

"Sauce for the Goose 1999," the annual holiday arts sale, will take place at The Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street, on December 3, 4, and 5. All proceeds from the sale will benefit children's art scholarships.

A mixture of fine art and functional crafts created by area artists will be available at the event. Buyers will be able to select from paintings, drawings, multimedia sculpture, functional and artistic ceramics, jewelry, holiday ornaments, greeting cards, glassware, candles, and more.

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PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW: This black-and-white print by Harry Rubel, entitled "Griggstown, NJ," is one of the photographer's works on exhibit at the Main Street Gallery and Frame Co. in Skillman through December 31. Call 683-8092.

Art

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Craft Guild Exhibit To Open at Landau's

Work by members of Transformations, a cooperative of craft artists active in the Princeton area for more than 20 years, will hold a holiday exhibit in a corner of Landau's, 102 Nassau Street, from November 24 through December 28.

Work by potters Connie Bracci-McIndoe, Hopewell, and Princeton resident Beryl Curschmann will be featured. Both women create functional stoneware bowls, plates, casseroles and other containers. Ms. Bracci-McIndoe produces creates raku-fired clay jewelry.

There will also be a selection of wood objects, including turned bowls, boxes, and shaker music stands by Princeton resident Peter Smith; large, turned bowls by Rick Stang; and turned clock cases, vases and boxes by Tom Gall, Skillman.

A variety of fiber wearables, including painted silk scarves and ties by Leyla Spencer, Rocky Hill will be shown. Shoppers may also find polymer clay jewelry by Lawrenceville resident Susan Kabota and laminated placemats and cards by Ellie Wyeth Fox, Skillman.

Transformations will be open daily from 9:30 to 5:30, except Sunday, when hours will be 11:30 to 4:30.

Exhibits

An exhibition of work by octogenarian photographer Harry Rubel, 84, will be at the **Main Street Gallery and Frame Co.** in Skillman, through December.

Mr. Rubel, a Plainsboro resident, has been honing his skills for 45 years. His color and black-and-white prints capture images of a forgotten New Jersey: Atlantic City before the casinos; Griggstown on the Delaware & Raritan Canal. With his digitally-printed color images, he moves from realism to abstraction.

Each of his black-and-white prints was printed in editions of 10 or under. He no longer works in the darkroom.

The gallery is located in the Montgomery Center, Route 206 North. Gallery hours and Monday through Wednesday, 10 to 6; Thursday, 10 to 9; Friday, 10 to 6; and Saturday 9:30 to 5. For more information, call 683-8092.

From December 1 through January 29, the 1860 House Professional Artists Group will present an "All Artists Show" in the **Upstairs Gallery** at the Montgomery Cultural Center, 124 Montgomery Road, Skillman.

The multi-media exhibit may be viewed Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 10 to 3. For information, call 921-3272.

DOMINANT BEAR: Work by Princeton photographer Mollie Murphy — like this picture of a giant bear with its miniature personage — will be on exhibit at the Arts Council of Princeton's WPA Gallery, 102 Witherspoon Street, through November 30. Called "Collecting the World," the photographs include images of collected, found, and borrowed objects, as well as pictures of objects from area museum collections.

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Christmas Fund

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aid is given not to meet an emergency but to help individuals improve their lives through training or education. This could take the form of tuition for a training program, or bus fare for the first week of a new job, or help with child care expenses.

The first appeal to the Princeton community to help neighbors in need was made in the pages of TOWN TOPICS in 1947. These words, written by Dan Coyle and Donald C. Stuart, the newspaper's founding publishers and editors, are as meaningful today as they were then.

"We appeal to those Princetonians who are anxious to share the brightness of their Christmases with others less fortunate than themselves, with others whose marginal way of life forces them to live in the shadows where Christmas is just another day."

A Place to Turn

From this beginning, the TTCF has grown to become a beacon for those in need. Much, but not all, of the town is undeniably affluent. There are many families who live below the poverty level. Most are able to manage their budgets until a crisis hits, when they suddenly find themselves facing a brick wall. But they do have hope. They know they can turn to the TTCF for help to get them through.

Princeton has been described as a community of circles that intersect very little. There are, however, ways in which those in circles of plenty can reach out to those who need help. One of these ways is through the TOWN TOPICS Christmas Fund.

Last year's fund raised a total of $69,289. it helped many, including those described here. But each year brings new problems, and new opportunities for Princetonians to lend a helping hand to their neighbors. The TOWN TOPICS Christmas Fund makes it possible for everyone to assist their neighbors in need, not only during the holiday season, but all year round.

These are some of the ways the Fund helped people this year to deal with emergency situations and become more self-sufficient. Names and family descriptions have been changed to protect confidentiality.

Jane had a job inputting data for a large company. The pay was low and she was not entitled to health benefits. But she took home enough to pay the rent and feed and clothe her three children.

When Jane's son became ill, she had to take some time off. As a result, she lost her job. She filed for unemployment benefits, but it would be eight weeks before the payments began. During that time, she tried to stretch her meager savings.

After five weeks she needed help. She turned to the TOWN TOPICS Christmas Fund, which provided food certificates and a one-month payment of her rent. This was enough to get her through. She has not returned for more financial assistance, and she found another job.

Damaged Furnace

Clara, 81, has lived in the same house for the past 60 years. She depends on her son to do her shopping and help maintain the house, and her Social Security check pays for most of her expenses. But when her basement flooded she needed some funds to repair her furnace. The TTCF helped with the repair bill.

Tomas does seasonal work, but his income is affected when there is little snow, or when summer drought or heavy rains make his services dispensable. When this happens, he seeks indoor jobs, but they can only carry him so far.

There are times when Tomas needs help to buy food, or has no bus fare to get to a job. Living this way is hard, but he has been able to bridge these times with the assistance of the TTCF.

He is grateful for this and has tried to pay back the kindness he has been shown. He found a way of doing this last summer, when he volunteered to move furniture at the John Street offices of Family and Children's Services.

Toni comes from a family in which no one had an opportunity to go to college. Many didn't even complete high school. But she had good grades, and her guidance counselor encouraged her to apply to college.

Toni's mother found herself overwhelmed and bewildered by all the college application and financial aid forms she and her daughter needed to fill out. An even greater problem was finding the fee that was required with each application. With nowhere else to turn, Toni's mother asked for, and was given, help from the TOWN TOPICS Christmas Fund.

The quest for higher education was successful, and Toni was accepted to a school in Kentucky with a scholarship package for tuition.

The next hurdle was finding the money to get to school. Some relatives were able to help with the airfare, but Toni and her mother were short by $100. The fund stepped in with this amount. A freshman, Toni has overcome her homesickness, made new friends, and is studying hard.

Learning to Learn

The Family Child Home Program helps youngsters like Joey, a 2-year-old whose mother, Patti, dropped out of school when she was 16. She didn't like school, and now felt inadequate as a mother.

Joey's father believes it is the public schools' job to teach Joey whatever he will need to get through life. But there would be no public school until the little boy was 5, so Joey spent most of every day in front of the television.

One day, Joey's mother heard other mothers at a clinic talking about a program that helps children learn. She asked about it, and followed up by calling Family and Children's Services.

Soon a home visitor was coming to her house twice a week with an educational toy or book. The visitor showed her how easy it was to use these to help Joey learn his colors and numbers.

Patti soon noticed that Joey was saying more words and was more interested in the world around him. His attention span increased and so did her patience with him. She was now playing with him daily, and it was fun.

Patti has decided to work very hard with Joey so he can be ready for kindergarten. Delighted that she is really teaching her son, she now wants to get her GED so she can continue to help Joey learn.

The Family Child Home Program, which helps a number of children like Joey, is supported in part by the Town Topics Fund.

The fund continues to serve as a much-needed resource for individuals and families who need an extra bit of assistance.

All costs of this appeal are borne by this newspaper, so that every penny contributed can be used to help people in need. All contributions are welcome, no matter what their size. All will be gratefully acknowledged.

How to Contribute

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Enjoy the shopping scene — 30 shopping days on the calendar!

HOLIDAY Shopping Guide

Ashton-Whyte, South Main Street in Pennington, is a truly elegant store. It offers the finest and most luxurious home furnishings for bed, bath and table, as well as sophisticated baby and children's wear.

The store carries several lines exclusive to the area, such as Palais Royale by Yves Delorme, and the new Gordonsbury line of hand-embroidered bed, bath and table linens. Shoppers looking for the very finest quality gifts and home accessories will find exactly what they need.

Snowy white waffle-weave tea and guest towels by Gordonsbury, embroidered with bees, beetles, fruit and flowers, are $30. They are 100% cotton and should last forever.

Through December 15, Ashton Whyte is featuring a tabletop promotion by Le Jacquard Francais, with a special offer of brilliantly colored tablecloths and napkins that wash like a dream and wear like iron!

The store's popular Moppets section includes a full selection for the nursery. Exquisite layette items, such as going-home outfits, hand-embroidered crib quilts and pillows, and custom boudoir pillows with children's names and monograms are specialties. Crib quilts start in the $150 range, with matching crib sheets, bumpers, pillows and blankets.

Hand-knitted French and Italian outfits for babies up to about six months, are ultra-sophisticated, and start at $65. Spectacular velour one-piece outfits in vivid colors, with the European back-flap opening, are also available, many with wonderful embroidery and decoration — for extremely fortunate babies!

The most delicious socks, hats and booties can be found at Ashton-Whyte, especially Sarah Baker's soft, tiny footwear for tender toes, made in England and shaped like strawberries, tigers, or Pied Piper red and yellow stripes, with pointy tops.

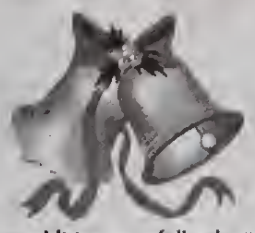
The selection of appealing and fragrant bath accessories includes honeysuckle soap from Portugal and a box of four sculpted Mignonette soaps from France at $25. Many European soaps and sachets, imported scented candles, and delicate soap dishes and bathroom accessories are also on display.

For a stunning holiday table, the store carries a line of glowing silk dupion tablecloths and napkins in vibrant reds, golds, and plaids. These can be custom-ordered, and are completely washable. There is also a most attractive selection of Italian pewter by Match, including platters, sauceboats, ladles and flatware, all with an antique look.

New this year are some unusual table lamps of iron and handpainted wood, with a soft textured look, appropriate for any setting.

In addition, there is a nice selection of photo frames in pewter, wood, and leather. Charming French mirrors in painted oval frames with delicate floral motifs at $175, as well as many lovely and unusual table accessories in a wide price range, are also available.

Ashton-Whyte offers gift certificates, gift wrapping, and is open Monday through Friday 10 to 6, Thursday until 7, Saturday 10 to 5, Sundays (in December) 12 to 5.



In addition to a full selection of trees, wreaths, and gardening needs, **Stony Brook Gardens** at Route 31 North and Yard Road in Pennington is also known for its outstanding Christmas Shop filled with super holiday gifts and decorations.

Not only is the Shop a visual treat, with its variety of beautifully decorated theme trees, it offers lots of great gift-giving tips. There is an excellent assortment of home decorating ideas and accessories, such as table runners, place mats, and guest and tea towels, accent pillows, all with holiday motif, starting at $2.99.

Very pretty holiday trays are available, and a set of six coasters in matching wooden box is $16.79. There is a wonderful variety of boxes of all kinds with Snowmen, Santa, and Christmas tree motif, and a boxed ornament (matching

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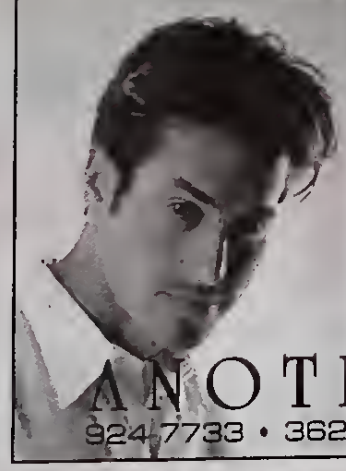

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wooden box) is $18.99, something special as a hostess gift during the holidays.

Stockings and tree skirts are both elegant and plentiful, and in a variety of prices, and new this year is a super box to store ornaments. Beautifully decorated in a holiday theme, it is specially treated to be acid free and tarnish resistant. Available in two sizes, starting at $28, it is a wonderful way to keep precious ornaments safe.

Stony Brook has an extensive selection of ornaments of all kinds, starting at $1.59. Especially charming are new hand-done bell and umbrella-shaped enamel covered copper ornaments with filigree, starting at $9.45.

Also available are special ornaments that can be personalized and decorated by children. They are especially fun for teacher or grandparent gifts, and Stony Brook will have all the necessary materials for decorating in the shop.

Among the decorated trees, the red and gold one is beautiful, a true holiday vision, and nearby, the large hanging red balls with gold accent offer a richly traditional look. Lovely angel and star tree toppers are also on display.

The selection of cloth Advent calendars has become very popular, and there are many designs, including snowmen, Santas, and angels, in the $20 range.

New this year are exceptional Russian Santas, hand-carved from linden wood. One-of-kind, each is signed, and the larger ones include detailed painting on the back.

The snowman section seems to grow and grow, and they are everywhere in all shapes, sizes, and materials. A grouping of three snowmen with very cheerful faces is especially appealing. ($9.99).

This year, Stony Brook is also offering a "Top 50" Christmas list, incorporating gifts in all price ranges and categories — under $10, under $20, etc. — to help customers make choices.

"PAPA BEAR": This wonderful stuffed polar bear (with movable arms) is part of a family of bears at Stony Brook Gardens in Pennington. He stands next to one of the many decorated theme trees in the Christmas Shop. Children are invited to have their picture taken with the bears at the Open House, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 26, 27, and 28.

Of course, gardeners love this place! There is everything to please them — all the tools and supplies to make the garden grow, as well as garden statuary, pottery, and even special garden ornaments decorating the "Nature" tree.

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Stony Brook's greenhouse offers a wonderful selection of plants, including poinsettias starting at $2.99, and poinsettia trees. All the Christmas specialties — cyclamen, paper whites, amaryllis, etc., — are available, and there is also a display of beautiful Reiger begonias in all colors.

Christmas trees are available this weekend, and will include Fraser, Douglas, Canadian, and balsam fir cut trees, as well as blue and Norway spruce, Douglas fir, white pine, and dwarf Albert spruce live trees.

Decorated and undecorated wreaths of many kinds are on hand (also a big selection of ribbon, bows, berries, cones, etc. for do-it-yourselfers), and there is a full selection of roping and garlands, and a big variety of greens in bundles, including holly, juniper, and incense cedar, among others).

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Lucky travelers will certainly enjoy the great assortment of luggage from Tumi, Andiamo, Boyt, Travelpro, and others. Wheels-on-board luggage continues to be very important, and there are many styles from which to choose.

Wonderful new colors, including navy, red, and a light brown "drift wood", are available this year, and the luggage is extremely versatile and durable, with prices starting at $150.

Business needs are in full supply, with more than 500 leather attache and brief cases and computer brief bags in stock. There is also a large selection of cases for "Palm Pilots" and also for Window CE devices.

Organizers are an increasingly important part of people's busy lives today, and Luttmann's offers a variety from Filofax, Ghurka, and many more, as well all the refills.

Small leather goods, from key fobs to clutch wallets are very big Christmas gift items, and there are more than 5,000 men's and women's wallets on hand in different price ranges, starting at $25.

Small leather bound pocket address books and desk calendars and diaries are among a variety of gift items under $40. A larger very handsome desktop calendar of saddle leather in rich colors, with "2000" embossed on the front makes an impressive gift for the new Millennium.

And for something different, the handsome Ghurka leather wine caddy is a great gift.

Even in our high tech age of faxes and e-mail, people still write letters! Luttmann's has a wonderful selection of fine pens from Montegrappa, Mont Blanc, Waterman, and others.

Luttmann's is carrying more gloves than ever this season, including leather, fleece and wool for men, and leather for women in many colors and styles. In addition, the selection of Trafalgar belts, Filson hats in various styles, including waterproof, and Trafalgar braces offer many gift ideas. Millennium themes are featured on many of the braces.

In addition, there is an array of handsome wooden board games, including backgammon, chess, Go, and Solitaire.

Luttmann's offers gift certificates, gift wrapping, and free embossing in 23k gold with a purchase. Holiday shopping hours are Monday through Friday 10 to 9, Saturday until 6, Sunday 12 to 5.

Baumley Nursery, Landscaping & Garden Center at 4339 Route 27 just north of Kingston has been a favorite for home gardeners for more than 15 years. It offers quality products, knowledgeable service, and a friendly atmosphere, which make shopping for that special Christmas tree or wreath a pleasure.

An extensive supply of trees, wreaths, roping, and grave blankets will be available December 1, and owner Jeff Baumley, emphasizes handmade natural decorations.

"I make more than 150 wreaths, with all natural and fresh decorations. Nothing is artificial," he states. "The same is true of the grave blankets, all the arches, and 'candy canes', which are so popular."

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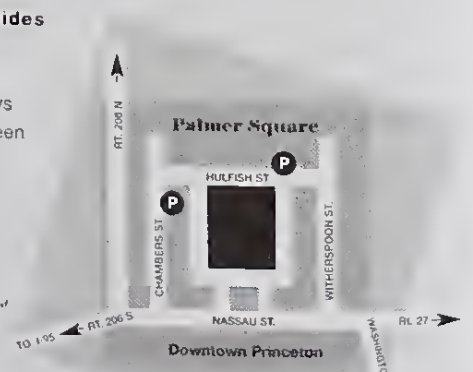

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range. Undecorated wreaths are also offered, from $6.99. Roping includes extensive choices, such as mixed greens, boxwood, Fraser and Douglas fir, white pine, and incense cedar, as well as western cedar. Baumley's also offers very nice centerpieces made from fresh greens.

Other popular decorations include the white and silver birch branches as an attractive winter accent, and the fun grapevine reindeer in several poses — kneeling, eating, and standing. ($49.99).

Fresh cut trees from Pennsylvania (cut on November 28, arrive on the 29th!) include Fraser, Douglas, and concolor fir, and some Canaan fir, a new variety, similar to Fraser. Also available are 3- to 5-feet table top Fraser cut trees.

In addition, the assortment of live trees includes Colorado and blue spruce, from three to five feet.

Baumley's also carries "Santa's Sturdy Christmas Tree Stand", a heavy iron stand painted in handsome green and burgundy, which is a must for extra large, hard-to-stand-up 9-, 11-, and 12-feet trees.

An extensive selection of poinsettia plants in all colors and sizes starts at $3.99, and there are also amaryllis and paper white kits for $9.99.

Baumley's also has an inviting Christmas Shop with a cozy fireplace and filled with theme trees, ornaments, and a big variety of decorations..

There is a good supply of retired Dickens', New England, and Snow villages, as well as collectible papier mache Santas (from $30).

Wreath hangers and the favored icicle lights are in abundance, as is the very popular automatic window candle, which is activated by a sensor, eliminating the need to turn it on and off. ($5.99).

Baumley's is open Monday through Saturday 8 to 7, Sunday until 6, starting December 1.

CREATIVE DESIGN: The partners at Birds of a Feather in Kingston show off some of the gift shop's specialties. Left to right, Anne Battle holds a 1940s "Grandma's Old Fashioned Cookie Jar"; Shelley Roe is shown with a hand-painted jewelry box, which can be custom-ordered; and Marcy Kahn shows a Fay Sciarra original acrylic on canvas, which is framed in old wood spindles.

Birds of a Feather, the enchanting pink house with its signature display of miniature lights, located on Main Street in Kingston, is a terrific resource for the holidays. It is a design workshop and home decorating center, filled with an array of handpainted furniture, artwork, and handmade and vintage gifts and accessories.

Partners Marcy Kahn, Anne Battle, and Shelley Roe are "artists in residence", and do custom work for clients, especially handpainted furniture of all kinds. Specialties include furniture for children's rooms, as well as doll beds, tables, chairs, foot stools, and wardrobes.

Handpainted glassware is another specialty of Birds of a Feather, and wine glasses are a particular favorite during the holidays. They are $25 each, and Ms. Battle notes that there is a special "Millennium Design Collection" of champagne glasses for New Year's Eve.

The shop's focus on artwork is growing, and on Sunday, December 12, there will be a wine and cheese reception at 5 p.m., to show the work of Lawrenceville artist Fay Sciarra, who works in oil and acrylic on canvas.

"We have originals, prints, and 'found objects', such as old fashioned ironing boards, wash boards, and bellows, which she paints," explains Ms. Battle. "She is an artist we believe In, an artist with a soul, and who is also very whimsical."

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display, with lots from the 1930s, '40s, and '50s. Lamps and chandeliers are very popular, and new this year are 1940s and '50s chandeliers that are hot sellers.

This is really a shop with everything! Where else will you find a door from an old English pub, Christmas stockings made of vintage fabrics (creations of Ms. Kahn), architectural pieces, an artist's easel dating to 1910, an Art Deco flamingo mirror ($170), a lady's gateway desk (with matching rush chairs and bed from the 1920s), a child's sewing box (vintage 1930s), and the original illustrations of Ruth Nelson for her children's books of the 1940s.

There is still time for custom painting for Christmas, especially for doll wardrobes and furniture, and jewelry boxes, but place an order as soon as possible.

Birds of a Feather now offers a new in-house charge, which is interest-free for three months, as well as gift certificates and gift wrapping. Hours are Tuesday through Friday 10 to 5, Saturday 10 to 4.

Rosedale Mills, located on Route 31 North in Pennington, has an appealing easy-going general store type of atmosphere. A favorite place for generations of Princetonians, it is a family business, specializing in pet supplies, animal feed, and garden supplies.

Your favorite furry friend will definitely not be forgotten at Rosedale this holiday season. Animal beds, dog sweaters (some in fleece) and blankets, leashes, collars, grooming needs, etc., are plentiful, and there are toys galore! A variety of stockings for dogs and cats, filled with toys and treats, are in various sizes, and a special gift package of "Fido" cookies is $5.97.

Squeaky toys for dogs and cats and little balls filled with bells are just some of the treats in store for the four legged members of the family. All the varieties of dog chews are in stock, as well.

A very big selection of kennels and pet enclosures, such as dog and cat houses, rabbit hutches, animal crates, and pet carriers, is also on hand. Available in all different sizes and styles, they are a growing part of Rosedale's business.

There are also more than 80 varieties of pet food, and a section of the store is set aside for special care items and supplies for horses.

The very popular Breyer Collectible horses, starting at $14, which are always discounted 15%, are a holiday gift favorite. A new Breyer Christmas limited edition is also available.

Bird feeders of all types are in full supply, as well as a new collection of all-natural wooden bird houses, including marten houses, lady bug, bat, and butterfly houses.

Rosedale also has a complete selection of bird food, including specialty seed and its own blend of wild bird seed.

A full supply of garden tools (also, snow shovels and ice melts — just in case!) and accessories is in stock, and there is also a variety of year-round deer repellents. And the Rosedale staff reminds gardeners that winter fertilizer is now available, too.

Assorted gift items, includ-

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CHRISTMAS KITTY: "Kitty", the year-old gray and white feline who lives at Rosedale Mills, surveys the scene at this longtime store for pet supplies, animal feed, and garden needs. A big selection in all categories, including many pet toys and holiday specials, is in full supply.

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ing mugs with dog and cat motif ($5.99), and lovely scented candles in glass jars in various sizes (from $8.35) are also on display. Large attractive cans with appealing scenes are both functional and decorative. They are an excellent receptacle for bird or animal food, or for whatever you wish. ($35).

Rosedale has a big selection of such Christmas favorites as amaryllis and paper whites, available in gift boxes for $8.99.

Gift certificates are offered; hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 to 5:30, Saturday until 4, Sunday 9 to 3.

COUNTRY SANTA: Serious Santa collectors will definitely want this hand-done Santa by doll-maker Sandy Bridgett. He is crafted with all natural products, including cotton, felt, and wool, with burgundy the predominant color, accented by checkered variations. Santa is holding a handmade doll, and sits on a sled at Now Fancy That, the country gift shop in Belle Mead.

Start off the Christmas season with a trunk show at **Ricchards** on Nassau Street. On Saturday, December 4, this classic shoe store will feature an Allen Edmonds Trunk Show, at which the entire line of top quality shoes will be discounted 10% for one day only. It's a great opportunity to save on special orders, and shoes in all sizes.

In addition, the men's department includes a large selection of Cole Haan dress and informal footwear, as well as the H.S. Trask line. For a more casual look, the Montana line is a best-seller.

Mephisto shoes for men and women are made in France, and feature pure latex cushioned platform soles — the ultimate walking shoe!

For those upcoming Millennium parties, the ladies can truly dance all night in Ricchards' gold or silver mesh sandals or the elegant black evening sandals in peau de soie or faille, which are extremely comfortable and available in high or lower heels. The most beautiful and comfortable party shoes in town!

For elegance AND comfort, Ricchards carries shoes by Sesto Meucci and Van Eli, as well as Peter Kaiser, popular for the wider foot. Arche shoes from France are ultra-comfortable, with soft Nubuck uppers and pure latex soles.

A new line for women is Donald J. Pliner. These versatile shoes appear lightweight, but are sturdy, and also super-comfortable, with very cool styling that works with skirts or pants.

Also new this season are dressy tall boots for women in black suede or leather, with high or low heels.

Slippers for Christmas? Of course! There are cozy English sheepskin in scarlet or oatmeal, as well as dressy black mules in crushed velvet, in the $50 range. Leather sheepskin-lined slippers for men are extremely luxurious, from $75.

Classically handsome leather belts, including some woven, make timeless gifts in the $50 to $80 range, and there is a great selection of socks. Hard-to-find tall hose, over-the-calf in different and interesting patterns are in stock, and these make wonderful stocking stuffers.

Ricchards also offers a selection of small special occasion bags, appropriate for end-of-the-century parties. There are gorgeous little black pleated satin bags, also velvet and beaded, in the $25 to $40 range. A great little boxy style in high fashion gray or cream satin is $25.

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Also, because the Salty Dog is a member of the Fair Trade Federation, when shoppers take away a unique gift, they know that the person who made it will benefit directly. Pre-Colombian pottery, Tibetan jewelry, Tibetan salsa, Free Tibet T-shirts (which assist Princeton Area Friends of Tibet), and hand-beaded jewelry from a South African women's coop are available.

This cozy shop is a treasure trove of stocking stuffers! Lots and lots of small-sized items are in every nook and cranny in many affordable prices ranges. Little velvet pouches in a variety of styles and designs can hold precious objects, and range from $5 to $15. Stud earrings are $6 a pair, and the wide-ranging collection includes every design — from computers and cameras to a pair of lips!

There are beautiful barrettes and ponytail holders, and pretty beaded eye-glass holders at $10 to $15. Small boxes are $5.95 and little brightly colored wallets from Guatemala, Thailand, and India are under $10.

The jewelry selection at the shop is bigger than ever. Sterling silver is a focus, available in all styles, with earrings especially popular.

Are you feeling a bit stressed at the beginning of this shopping season? Salty Dog can offer you "stress relief" rings, bracelets, and necklaces. The attractive Mala bead bracelets ($11) may also offer help in the areas of love and friendship.

There are Tibetan "Singing Bowls" for meditation and Mandala meditation cards ($6.95). The shop's selection of rain sticks offer a gentle soothing sound, and are available in assorted sizes, from $14.

Masks from all over the world are another Salty Dog specialty, and the store's eclectic selection also offers Hindu statues of deities, teapots from Indonesia, and a variety of candlesticks.

In addition, there are handsome wool vests from Tibet, tie-dyed long-sleeved shirts for infants and extra-large sizes for adults (made in Vermont!), gloves and mittens from Guatemala, beautiful handblown glass Christmas ornaments, hand-beaded ornaments from South Africa in gold and silver ($15), and angels in all sizes and varieties in glass, wood, and ceramic.

Salty Dog offers gift certificates and colorful gift packaging, and is open Monday through Wednesday 10 to 6, Thursday through Saturday until 8, Sunday 11 to 5.

From The Farm

The country setting and farm atmosphere of **Terhune Orchards** on Cold Soil Road are appealing year-round, but a visit here is a spectal treat during the holiday season. Visitors enjoy the variety of animals (horse, donkey, sheep and goats, among others), the popular farm trail, and the warm welcome provided by the friendly staff. And, if you are fortunate, and the timing is right, you might glimpse one of the spectacular winter sunsets from Terhune's front porch.

It's also a pleasure to sip hot cider and nibble a fresh donut as you browse among the tempting display of goodies in the farm store.

Especially known for its wonderful assortment of apples and cider, which can be shipped to absent friends and relatives, Terhune's has a super selection of baked goods, which can also be shipped. Holiday treats are fresh-baked pies (including sugarless), from $7.75, delicious fruit crisps, apple cakes, cobblers, gingerbread, and cookies, including traditional Christmas cookies and gingerbread men. Gingerbread houses will also be available.

Customers can create gift baskets and boxes, filling them exclusively with fruit or a mix of fruit, baked goods, assoried gourmet jams, jellies and spreads, (many with the Terhune label), coffees and teas; $12 and up.

Terhune's also offers traditional holiday plants, such as cyclamen, paper whites and amaryllis, and many of the bulbs are grown in the Terhune garden. There is always a selection of cut flowers, and Terhune's delivers in Princeton.

Fresh cut Douglas fir trees, wreaths (including boxwood), and roping are available in all sizes. Special Williamsburg-style wreaths, handcrafted by owner Pam Mount, with apples, pomegranates, lemons, limes, pine cones, and other seasonal items, are holiday favorites.

Fresh local turkeys are also available for Christmas.

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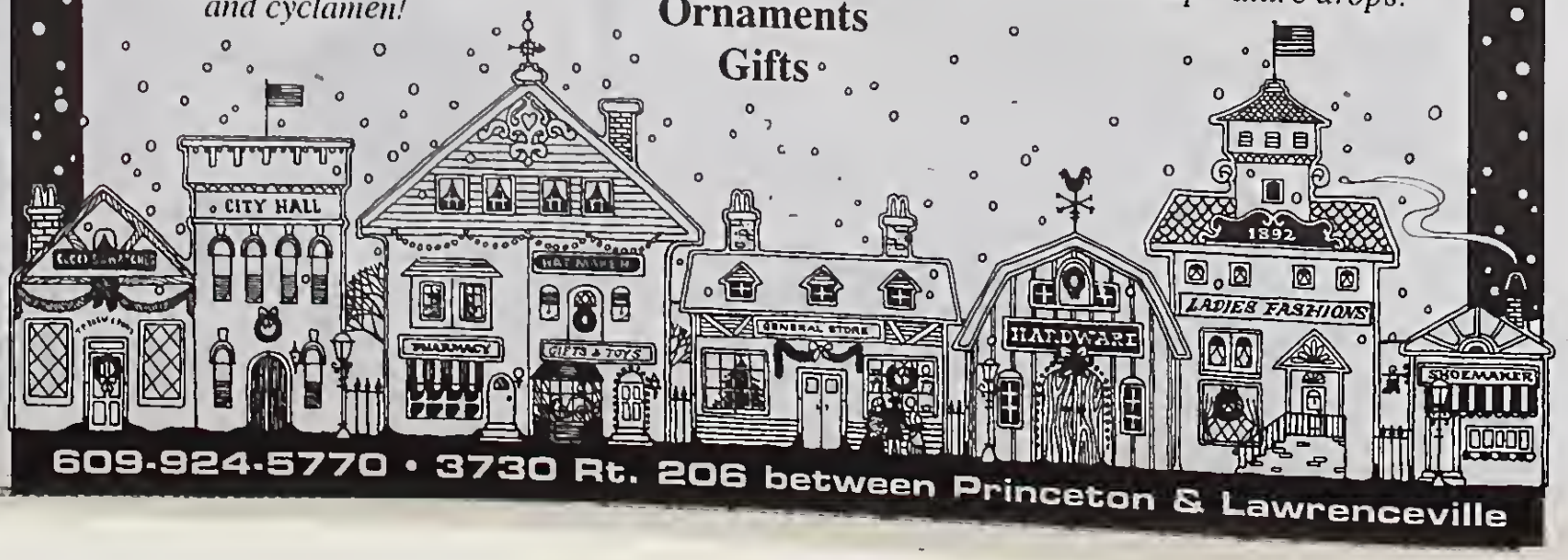

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Scandinavian furniture, mostly from Denmark, is the specialty of **The Danish Connection** at the Montgomery Center, Routes 518 and 206.

"Danish furniture is noted for its simple, clean lines and modern style," explains general manager Jimena Hajek. "It's different. It doesn't have a lot of elaborate design. It is also very high quality and known for fine workmanship and durability. It is very long-lasting."

The light and spacious showroom displays the large selection to its best advantage. Mostly in teak, and also rosewood, the furniture is characterized by a light, open look that is appealing.

A full collection, including bedroom and dining room sets, sofas, chairs, end and accent tables, chests, cabinets, hutches, bookcases, desks, and computer and entertainment centers, is on display.

In addition, there is a complete selection for the home office. Computer desks and filing cabinets can be consolidated for a comprehensive work station.

"Also, a special item is our library wall in teak, with its section of bookcases to fill the wall," points out Ms. Hajek. "This is very handsome in teak wood."

Bedroom and dining room sets are especially popular with customers now, she adds, as are sofas and recliners. The sofas can be customized for style, size, color, and fabric, and there is an extensive assortment of samples.

"THE STOCKINGS WERE HUNG....": The Christmas Shop at Baumley Nursery, Landscaping & Garden Center is ready and waiting! Filled with a charming display of theme trees, decorations, and holiday supplies, it offers a variety of ornaments, all discounted 20%. Hot cider and homebaked cookies are on hand to welcome visitors.

The store also carries a large selection of leather, a very popular seller now. "It's warm, even in the winter, very durable and easy to clean," notes Ms. Hajek. "We offer very fine leather, available in chairs, sofas, and recliners, in a variety of colors.

The Danish Connection is offering a special promotion, with a Stressless Enormes leather recliner to be given free to the winner of a drawing to be held after Christmas. Customers are welcome to come to the store and enter.

Also on display is an assortment of unusual end tables, including a number with slate tops in attractive mosaic designs. Floor and table lamps, often with solid wood base, nicely complement the furniture, and there are also handsome grandfather clocks in teak. A selection of European area rugs is also available.

Sales are ongoing at The Danish Connection, and gift certificates are always a welcome holiday gift. Hours are Monday through Friday 10 to 9, Saturday until 5, Sunday 12 to 5.

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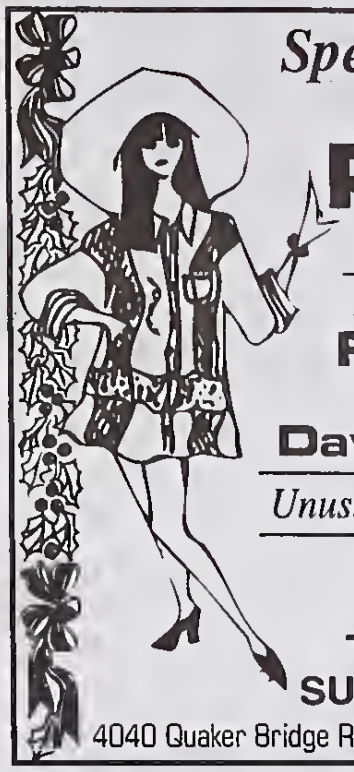

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FARM FRESH: Pam Mount, owner of Terhune Orchards, holds a basket of the farm's famous apples and cyclamen (grown in the Terhune greenhouse). The annual "Apple Tree Wassailing" will be held on January 23, when everyone is invited to the orchard to ring bells and dance to encourage new apple growth and watch the Molly Dancers celebrate this old English tradition.

Now, about the champagne — don't worry, it is available for that very special New Year's Eve party. **Claridge Wine & Liquor** has plenty on hand to celebrate the new Millennium. There is a big selection of French, as well as domestic in full bottles and splits.

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"We also have many nice ports. This is a great after-dinner wine, and there are many choices. Graham's Vintage, Sandeman Vintage, Fonseca, and Dromendal from South Africa are just some, and we have them in a wide price range.

"And certainly," he adds, "a nice bottle of chardonnay, cabernet, or merlot is always appropriate."

In addition, sparkling burgundy is an excellent accompaniment to a holiday dinner. The store is also featuring a variety of very nice dessert wines, including orange muscat and black muscat, in fifths and splits.

A cordial, whether Kahlua, Grand Marnier or the Godiva Cappuccino, is always welcome, and there are many others from which to choose.

Beers, especially the micro breweries, continue to be a big item, and Claridge offers a full selection, as well as all the choices in spirits.

Mr. Gonnella and his staff are always pleased to help advise customers on holiday parties, appropriate wines with dinners, etc. Hours are Monday through Saturday 9:30 to 7, Sunday 12 to 5.

—Jean Stratton

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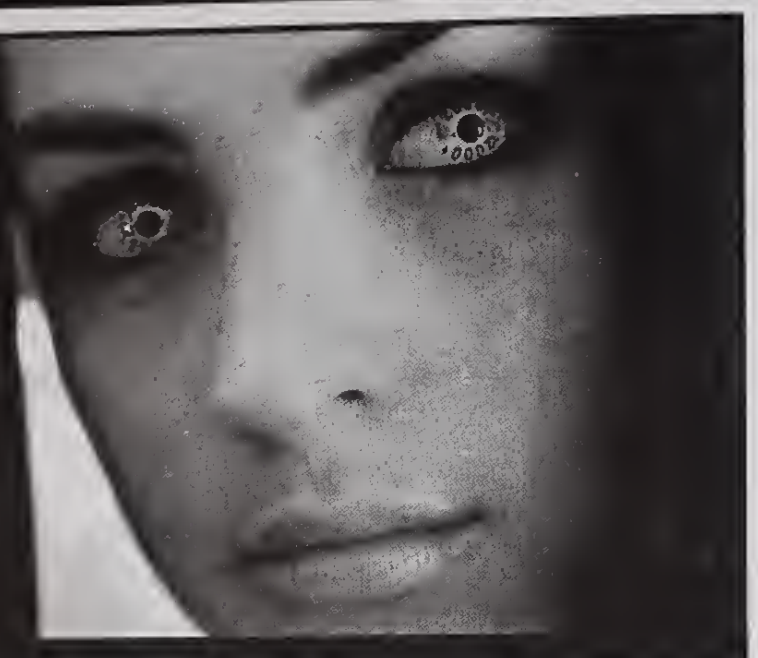

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REFLECTING ON THE PAST: Current and former waitresses at The Annex join the anniversary celebration on Monday. They are, top, from left, Mary Pemperton, Adele Danley; bottom, Dorothy Ragany, Martha Walters.

(Photo by Charles Phox)

The Annex Anniversary

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comments related to fish.

"The best bluefish in town," said Jim Harford. Rosemary Blair attested to years of dining on baked stuffed sole every Friday night. Marilyn Lynch, another Friday night devotee of fish, said she loved sole, her husband loved bluefish, and they both loved the flounder.

Cartoonist Henry Martin came to honor the restaurant where, for more than 30 years, a group of cartoonists met every Thursday. He is now living in Newtown, Pa., but said he believes that the group is still carrying on.

Rich Carnevale, part owner of the Annex, said the restaurant might have been the original Cheers. "There's a certain quality I can't put my finger on. I see people who come here all the time. It's a place where everyone knows your name."

Draws From University

The Annex is popular with people from Princeton University, and in fact began its life in the 1930's as a private club affiliated with the University. Among the faculty regulars was Cornel West, now at Harvard. He always makes sure to come by when he is in town, said Mr. Carnevale.

For many years, The Annex had a cadre of waitresses who were as much a part of the place as the round oil painting of the tiger. All but one, Dottie Ragany, have retired.

Two retired waitresses, both native Princetonians, were among those who were at Monday's celebration. They were Martha Walters, who was at the Annex for 27 years, and Adele Danley, who retired after four decades.

"I'd love to come back," said Martha Walters. "But I don't have the balance since my knee replacement." Adele Danley, who retired almost ten years ago, said she still misses the people. "They're like a big family; so many generations."

The Annex has been family owned and operated since 1948 by three generations of the Carnevale family. Mike Carnevale, an Italian immigrant trained as a cobbler, and John Giantonio, his brother-in-law, bought the "old Annex," located a few doors down on Nassau Street, in 1948. The next year, they moved the restaurant to its present location.

In 1966, brothers Henry and Lou, also natives of Italy, acquired the Annex from their cousin, Mike. Today, The Annex continues with two more Carnevale brothers, Henry's sons, Rich and Joe.

Borough Mayor Marvin Reed opened the celebration with a bit of history, stating that the election of FDR resulted in the repeal of Prohibition. "This allowed the 'private club' across from Princeton University to come out of the closet so the public could patronize it."

He added, "They kept the tradition of good food and good drink, at very good prices."

Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand lauded The Annex with a song she wrote. Everyone enthusiastically joined in at the refrain, "It's the Annex." Both Mayors issued proclamations honoring the restaurant.

"There are so many fond memories," said Henry Carnevale. "We are dedicated to keeping the tradition in Princeton."

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A potluck dessert oneg, which is open to all, will follow.

Everyone is invited to the annual Thanksgiving service at **First Church of Christ, Scientist**, 16 Bayard Lane, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The service lasts one hour and child care will be provided.

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Trinity Church, 33 Mercer Street, invites the public to its annual St. Nicholas Bazaar Saturday, December 4 from 9 to 3. The event will feature home-baked and handmade items as well as thousands of used books, a "white elephant" room, holiday decorations, and a junior shoppers' room, where children can purchase inexpensive gifts and pose for a picture with St. Nick.

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Trinity Church, 33 Mercer Street, offers Thanksgiving Eve Services on Wednesday, November 24, at 5:30.

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11:15 a.m. Morning Prayer (2nd & 4th Sundays)
4:30 p.m. Choral Evensong (1st Sunday)

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7-7:30 p.m.: Meet the Mayors, Ch30A; Borough Mayor Marvin Reed with guests Hannah and Sandy Schusell from The Toy Store on Palmer Square doing "Old Fashioned Christmas." Live. Call-in. 252-2379.

8-10:30 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers, Suzanne Patterson Center, Monument Drive (behind Borough Hall).

Thursday, November 25 Thanksgiving

Friday, November 26

1 p.m.: *The Nutcracker,* American Repertory Ballet; McCarter Theatre. Also at 4:30. Performances also Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 4:30.

5 p.m.: Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony; Green at Palmer Square.

8 p.m.: *Cheotin' Heorts;* Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8, Sunday at 2:30.

8 p.m.: Musical, *42nd Street;* Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 3 and 8, Sunday at 3.

8:30 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

Saturday, November 27

8-11 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers, Suzanne Patterson Center, Monument Drive (behind Borough Hall).

Monday, November 29

4:30 p.m.: Lecture, "The Uninsured: 44 Million and Counting," former Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis; Woodrow Wilson School, Robertson Hall, Dodds Auditorium.

7 p.m.: Township Committee, Valley Road Building.

Tuesday, November 30

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council, Borough Hall.

8 p.m.: Regional Schools Special Board Meeting, Task Force presentation/findings; John Witherspoon School.

8 p.m.: Anne Meara's *Down the Gorden Paths;* George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Wednesday through Saturday at 8, Sunday at 2 and 7.

Wednesday, December 1

7-7:30 p.m.: Meet the Mayors, Ch30A; Borough Mayor Marvin Reed with guest Maureen Quinn discussing "The Environmentors," pairing Princeton/Trenton High School students with scientists. Live. Call-in. 252-2379.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Schools Minority Education Committee, John Witherspoon School library.

8 p.m.: Judy Collins Christmas Concert; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Thursday, December 2

8 p.m.: Conservatory Youth Chorale, "A Great Miracle Happened There: A Hanukkah Celebration; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Friday, December 3

6-9 p.m.: Annual holiday arts sale, Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street; also on Saturday and Sunday, 10-5.

8 p.m.: Westminster Opera Theatre, party scenes from favorite operas; Playhouse, Westminster Choir College. Also Saturday at 3 and 7 and Sunday at 6.

8 p.m.: "An Irish Christmas"; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: *Cheotin' Heorts;* Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8.

Saturday, December 4

11 a.m.: "Mystery of the Bottles," Princeton University Art Museum Gallery Talk for Children, by Museum docent Nada Aksay.

3 p.m.: Porgy and Bess; State Theatre, New Brunswick. Also at 8.

4 p.m.: Westminster Concert Bell Choir Holiday Concert; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Also at 8.

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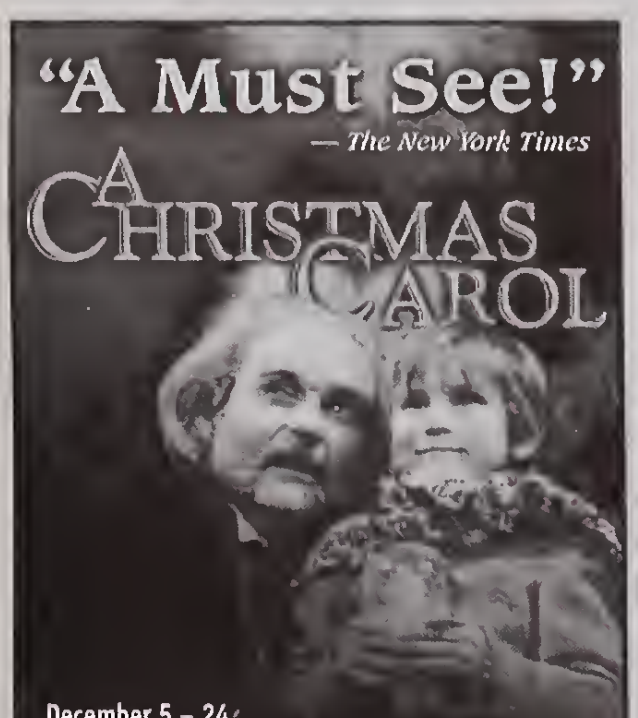
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THEATER REVIEW

Loaded with Lampoons, Packed with Puns, Triangle Club's 109th Show Hits the Road

CHORUS LINE OF GARGOYLES: The notorious all-male kickline, decked out as Blair Arch "gar-goils," tries to steal the show in "The Blair Arch Project," Princeton University Triangle Club's 109th annual musical comedy. The show opened at McCarter Theatre last weekend, will make an eight-week cross-country tour next month and returns to McCarter for Reunions weekend in late May.

A great seething anthill was the Triangle Club," wrote F. Scott Fitzgerald in *This Side of Paradise*. "It gave a musical comedy every year, traveling with cast chorus, orchestra, and scenery all through the Christmas vacation." And the Triangle Show remains a strange and wonderful "seething anthill" of a tradition, as its 109th manifestation, which opened at McCarter Theatre last weekend, prepares to hit the road for a tour of cities across the country before returning to Princeton for Reunions 2000 at the end of May.

The Blair Arch Project, spoofing last summer's pseudo-documentary movie thriller *The Blair Witch Project* and dozens of other local and national targets, features 23 Princeton undergraduate performers, an 11-piece orchestra and more than 30 different scenes with 14 original musical numbers. The focus is on wit, wackiness, outrageous puns and lampoons, and, yes, there is a plot too.

In the classical comedic tradition, irreverence rules over political correctness and good taste in this student-written show, but the barbs — mostly good-natured —are fired at so many different victims that no one (except perhaps presidential candidate Steve Forbes '70, a repeated target) is likely to take offense. An experienced imported professional team — director Michael Unger, musical supervisor Jay Kerr '67, choreographer Jeanne Simpson, orchestrator Ron Drotos, lighting designer Christopher Gorzelnik and costume designer Robin L. McGee — keeps the show rolling at a fast, smooth, upbeat and engaging pace, with consistently high production values.

Inside Jokes Zip Past

The inside jokes and allusions zip past, and Princeton University campus insiders in the audience will have an advantage, as will those familiar with *The Blair Witch Project* movie. There is so much material of such variety here, however, that missing 15 or 20 percent of it does not seem a huge loss. Not surprisingly, the quality of the material varies widely too, and some of the scenes simply fall flat, no matter how familiar you are with the context and references.

The catalyst for the loosely connected plot arises from a bet between Steve Forbes and dynamic businesswoman publisher "Victoria Regina." To win, she must take over the antiquated Blair Arch Weekly ("all arches all the time"), a Princeton student publication, and make it the number one magazine in the country by the end of the school year. If she fails, she must marry Mr. Forbes, and — worse yet — vote for him!

As she ruthlessly leads the magazine to the top, the frequently changing scenes of the show visit a range of advertisers — perfume ("Chapel #2"), diets ("Worth the Weight"), dentists ("The Law of Cavity") and special sections of the magazine — science fiction ("Closer Encounters"), horoscope ("On the Verge"), politics ("Dan Quayle's Redemptione (sic)"), zoology ("Bear With Us"), murder mysteries ("Building a Better Mousetrap").

Triangle's *Blair Arch Project* rapidly tallies up its satiric hit list: *a cappella* singing groups, campus publications, an array of campus organizations from the glee club to the Triangle Club itself, women's studies, Westminster Choir College, the traditional nude olympics, University President Harold Shapiro, dieting, models, advertising, the Princeton University tradition of houseparties, Republican Presidential candidates, dentists, sex after 60, the American male breast obsession, homosexuality, implausible murder mysteries, astrology, adolescent males' views of women, science fiction tales, hick towns, steroid use, and a host of other timely topics. Even the University honor code and Toni Morrison take mild satiric hits.

And then, of course, there's the climactic traditional appearance of the all-male kickline. Elaborately costumed as Blair Arch gargoyles, this gnarly crew strips off its outer gargoyle attire to reveal the "Gar-goils," with bright orange wigs, two-piece silver lamé outfits and wings in their hair. The well rehearsed, high-kicking chorus line provides a polished, crowd-pleasing performance before the final denouement, then the sentimental closing number and a curtain call followed by the singing of "Old Nassau."

Other highlights of the evening — mostly in the Triangle Club's characteristically wacky, farcical, satiric vein include the rousing opening number, "Everybody Loves a Magazine," featuring the whole company in a colorful spoof on all sorts of publications and their readers; "Flier Fighters," poking fun at campus performance groups and their competition to cover the bulletin boards with fliers; "Men Suck," as subtle as its title (!), set in the classroom during the women's studies lecture; "Naked in the Snow," on the subject of the infamous nude olympics and President Shapiro's recent ban ("Can we run naked in the snow? We need to know ... feel the wind blow with our red cheeks all aglow..."), with the only nude olympians here tastefully dressed in body suits; a Republican Presidential candidates debate scene with a number of fresh, witty barbs to skewer Mr. Forbes, Mr. Quayle and his spelling difficulties, George W. Bush, Elizabeth Dole and Pat Buchanan; "Girl Talk," depicting the male adolescent's vision — inspired mainly by watching women's prison films of what women talk about; and "The Blair Arch Project" scene itself, an excellent five-minute video spoof in which the disappeared *a cappella* singers wander around lost in the mysterious regions of Blair Arch, in only slightly exaggerated semblance of the protagonists of *The Blair Witch Project*.

Satiric Numbers Most Successful

The numbers that take the straight, somewhat sentimental, lyrical musical route are generally less interesting and less successful than the most blatantly, ludicrously satiric numbers. In the context of *The Blair Arch Project*, it was difficult to tell if the straight numbers — a romantic duet "Carry Me on Your Shoulder" in the first act and the second-act finale "A Little More Laughter," for example — were sincere or ironic. The latter number, music and lyrics, is reprinted in the back of the program, in case you forget the tune (which you probably will) or you want to play it again at home (which you probably won't).

There are many humorous, clever and imaginative moments during the evening, and all the scenes manage at least a glimmer of wit. It is difficult to single out individuals from the 23-person ensemble, all of whom perform multiple singing, dancing and acting roles. Portraying the staff members of The Blair Arch Weekly, Elise Cornet, Jessica Herling, Peter Kidd, Jacqueline Schaeffer and David Turner are especially strong and dependable. Micah Baskir creates about eight of the funniest characters in the show.

Senior Jeremy Blachman and sophomores Peter Kidd and David Turner have created most of the music and lyrics, with book and sketches mostly by Mr. Blachman, Amy Neuder, Brian Rosen, Eric Bland and Adam Ruben. Geoff Gentile conducts the pit orchestra with style and authority, and Amy Anderson's set design—brightly colored wheeling panels for the abstract scenes, interior impressionistic brown walls for the magazine offices and a huge diaphanous rendition of Blair Arch in the background — is a masterpiece of artistry and efficiency.

The Blair Arch Project is fun, entertaining and — at least a reasonable percentage of the time — deft and on-target in its humor. It is an astounding — albeit uneven — "seething anthill" of talent, energy and creativity. **—Donald Gilpin**

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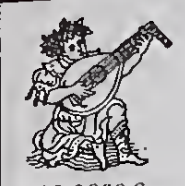
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Opening Concert Of Recital Series Will Feature Cellist

The Richardson Recital Series of Princeton University Concerts opens for the 1999-2000 Season with an appearance by Polish cellist Rafal Kwiatkowski with pianist Albert Tiu at Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall on Thursday evening, December 2, at 8 p.m.

Last January, Mr. Kwiatkowski won First Prize at the 1999 Young Concert Artists (Y.C.A.) International Auditions in New York, where he was also awarded two special prizes: the Paul A. Fish Memorial Prize of Y.C.A., and the first-ever Princeton University Concerts Prize.

His program will include works of Francoeur, Chopin, Barber, and de Falla.

The son of two professional celllsts, Rafal Kwiatkowski was born in Warsaw in 1978, and began his cello studies at the age of 7. At 14, he won the Kazimierz Wilkomirski National Competition for Young Cellists, which resulted in his studying for one year with Cecylia Barozyk at Towson State University in Maryland.

From the age of 10, Rafal Kwiatkowski began to win First Prizes in the Young Artists competitions in Warsaw and Poznan. Prior to last January's audition in New York, he won the 1998 Young Concert Artists European Auditions in Leipzig, hosted by the Hochschule für Music "Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy."

Mr. Kwiatkowski performed at the Second World Cello Congress in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1997 at the invitation of Mstislav Rostropovich. He has performed in recital throughout Poland and in European cities including Leipzig, Paris, Helsinki, and Kuhmo.

Pianist Albert Tiu is the recipient of the 1998 Juilliard William Petschek Recital Award resulting in a solo recital at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, New York.

For their December 2nd program, the artists have chosen the Sonata in E Major by François Francoeur, the Sonata in G Minor, Opus 65, of Frederic Chopin, the

Rafal Kwiatkowski

Sonata in C Minor, Opus 6, of Samuel Barber, and the *Suite populaire espagnole* of Manuel de Falla.

For more than 30 years, Princeton University Concerts has worked closely with Young Concert Artists, and many performers heard in the University Concerts Series first came to public attention as a result of winning the Y.C.A. auditions.

The Princeton University Concerts Prize was inaugurated in 1999 by the University Concerts Committee, the result of a significant gift for the purpose from an anonymous donor. The prize consists of a monetary award of $1,000 and an invitation to perform on the University Concerts Series the following season, and acknowledges the educational role both organizations play in the lives of young musicians.

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Baroque Flutists To Play New Works In Taplin Auditorium

The Composers' Ensemble at Princeton will present an unusual program entitled "Brasil/Estados Unidos/ United States/Brazil: New Works for Baroque Flutes" on Wednesday, December 1 at 8 p.m. in Taplin Auditorium in Fine Hall.

Featured performers will be Laura Rónai and Tom Moore, Baroque flutes, with Dan Trueman, six-string electric violin. The program features new works (all composed in 1999) for the wooden Baroque flute.

Tom Moore and Laura Rónai met in Rio de Janeiro in a concert organized by harpsichordist Rosana Lanzelotte for the Instituto Brasil-Estados Unidos in August, 1998.

Since then, they have performed together in the United States (Princeton, Philadelphia, and Boston) and recorded two CDs of chamber music of Boismortier at the Princeton University Chapel in July, 1999, to be released by Lyrichord Discs in 2000.

Laura Rónai began her flute studies in Brazil, where she graduated from the University of Rio de Janeiro. In 1978, she received a Helena Rubinstein Foundation scholarship to study with Sandra Miller, Robert Levin, Steve Lubin, and Myron Fink at the State University of New York.

Included in the program are the Suite by Lyle K. Neff; *Song for Two Boroque Flutes*, by Colby Leider; *Suite Presq'Antique* by David Korenchendler, and *Chonsons d'Amour* by Prof. Barbara White.

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Judy Collins Concert Planned at State Theatre

Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter Judy Collins will bring her Christmas concert to the State Theatre in New Brunswick on Wednesday, December 1, at 8 p.m. She will be backed by the Rutgers University Kirkpatrick Choir.

With a career that spans nearly 40 years, Judy Collins' list of accomplishments includes the release of more than 30 albums, Grammy Award nominations, and gold and platinum album sales.

She began studying classical piano at age 5. At 13, Judy Collins made her public debut performing Mozart's *Concerto for Two Pianos*. But the music of legendary folk artists like Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger led her to switch, by age 16, from the Steinway to the acoustic guitar.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Lindsay Quartet Begins Stirring Performance Of the Complete Beethoven String Quartets

The cicadas come to Princeton every 17 years. Performances of Beethoven's complete string quartets come a little more often — every 14 years, on average, since the first time in 1945-46. Joining an illustrious circle of performers in this Princeton tradition — the Budapest, Juilliard, and Tokyo String Quartets — the Lindsay String Quartet began its performance of the Beethoven cycle on Thursday evening in Richardson Auditorium as part of the Princeton University Concerts' millennial season.

It takes six full concerts to play all of Beethoven's quartets. It's not the number of works that's staggering — 18 in all — but the extraordinary substance and depth of the music. Beethoven's quartets fall rather neatly into three groups: early, middle, and late. Traditionally when the complete cycle is played, and this year is no exception, one quartet from each group is heard in each of the six concerts. The Lindsay Quartet finished three of the six concerts on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of last week — the musical equivalent of a marathon — and will return in April for the final three.

Thursday's opening concert unleashed the Beethovenian spirit in all its intensity, brilliance, and subtlety. Although the Lindsay String Quartet, based in England, may lack the name recognition enjoyed by the Tokyo and Juilliard Quartets, its mastery of the technical and interpretive challenges of this music puts it in the top circle of current international quartets. The Lindsay's control of the overall sound and the individual moments made for a stirring listening experience and an inviting opener for the six-concert cycle.

Like all great quartets, the Lindsay stayed precisely together in all three works — Quartet in G Major (Op. 18, no. 2), Quartet in E-flat Major (Op. 127), and Quartet in F major (Op. 59, no. 1, *Rozumovsky*). Interestingly, the members didn't seem to look at each other very often for visual cues to achieve this synchronization; they seemed instead to listen very intently to the collective sound and constantly make minute adjustments to the blend and balance. The playing was so clean, with relatively little vibrato, that the listener was hard pressed to decide which was more impressive, the clarity of the individual lines or the tight blend among the four instruments.

From the very first moment of Op. 18, no. 2, it was clear that one of the Lindsay's interpretive strengths is subtlety. They resisted the temptation to lean heavily on the fugal development section in the first movement, preferring instead a delicate approach, which ended up contrasting deliciously with the vigorous return of the main melody. Similarly in the third movement's scherzo, they did not race the tempo to get the desired effect, but infused the moderate pace with latent energy and playfulness.

Amazing Variety of Effects

The quartet generated an amazing variety of musical effects. It whispered its "pianissimo" passages in such hushed tones that the audience seemed to hold its collective breath to hear them. At other moments, like the beginning of the fourth movement of Op. 18, no. 2, it produced a big, thick sound, almost like a chamber string orchestra. Throughout the concert, the quartet pulled from the music the whole gamut of musical emotions, from the exuberance of the last movement of Op. 59, no. 1 to the pathos of the slow movement of Op. 127.

It was a shame that the auditorium was only about three-quarters full. One gentleman was heard to say, "Why aren't there more people here? It's the Beethoven quartets after all..." One hopes that word-of-mouth about the Lindsay's achievement in the first three concerts will fill the house next April for the final three. If you miss those, you'll have to wait a long time to hear them again — and the cicadas will be back in Princeton before the return of such a wonderful performance of Beethoven's quartets.

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TOASTING THE NEW MILLENNIUM are members of Westminster Opera Theatre, who will present a Millennium Opera Party December 3, 4 and 5 on the Westminster Choir College campus in Princeton. The program will feature party scenes from such favorite operas as "Carmen," "La Traviata" and "La Boheme."

Favorite Scenes Set For Opera Theatre's Millennium Party

Westminster Opera Theatre will present a series of holiday performances designed to ring in the new millennium in a festive and exciting way December 3, 4, and 5.

The program will feature party scenes from favorite operas, including *La Traviata*, *Carmen*, *La Bohème*, *Candide*, *Die Fledermaus* and *The Merry Widow*.

The opening performance on December 3 at 8 p.m. will also include an invitation for the audience to join in the festivities, enjoying gourmet desserts and coffee and ringing in the New Year (a bit early) with a champagne toast. Seating will be at tables of 10 and groups are encouraged to attend this gala evening in the festively transformed Playhouse on the campus of Westminster Choir College.

Additional performances are scheduled for Saturday, December 4 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 5 at 6 p.m.

The performers will be Westminster students enrolled in the Westminster Opera Theatre program. Graduates of this program include Jennifer Larmore, mezzo-soprano, who is one of the most sought after artists in the United States and Europe; Emily Magee, soprano, who recently was featured on Teldec's recording of *Lohengrin* with the Staatskapelle Berlin, conducted by Daniel Barenboim.

Bill Fabris is stage director and choreographer for the program. He recently received critical acclaim for an innovative new stage production of *The Wizard of Oz* which he directed for the Ash Lawn-Highland Summer Festival.

Equally at home with opera and musical theater, he has directed *Der fliegende Höllander* for OperaDelaware and recently returned there to direct *Carmen*. He also recently choreographed the award-winning short film *Boot Camp*, which was presented at the Sundance Film Festival.

Musical Director and Conductor Susan Morton joined the New York City Opera in 1995, preparing *Le Nozze di Figaro* and debuting at the harpsichord. Since then she has prepared many other productions, among them the "Live from Lincoln Center" production of *The Merry Widow*. She joined the staff of the Glimmerglass Opera in 1997.

Abroad, she has worked with the Israeli Vocal Arts Institute and with the International Institute of Vocal Arts, Opera Barga and the Studio Lirica in Italy.

This presentation is a departure from Westminster's traditional holiday offerings of either *Amahl and the Night Visitors* or *Hansel and Gretel*. "We decided to try something new," said Mr. Fabris. "After all, such an event comes only every 1,000 years, and we decided to take advantage of the opportunity to celebrate some of opera's greatest moments in an exciting and festival atmosphere."

Tickets for the December 3 dessert gala are $50 per person. Tickets for the December 4 and 5 performances are $20 for adults and $15 for students and seniors. For reservations, call 921-2663 ext. 308 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For 24-hour concert information call 219-2001.

"Nutcracker" Production Planned at McCarter

American Repertory Ballet Company will usher in the holiday season with its 36th season of *The Nutcracker*, under the direction of new Artistic Director Graham Lustig.

The McCarter schedule is Friday through Sunday, November 26 through 28, at 1 and 4:30; Wednesday and Thursday, December 29, 30, at 7 p.m.; Friday, December 31 at 1 p.m.; and Sunday, January 2 at 1 and 4:30.

The international troupe of 23 dancers will join with students from Princeton Ballet School and other students to present the holiday classic.

The Nutcracker was first performed in 1963 by American Repertory Ballet, at that time known as the Princeton Regional Ballet Company, a fledgling professional company founded by Audree Estey. This will be the last year *The Nutcracker* will be performed under the artistic supervision of Mrs. Estey. Currently living in Florida, Mrs. Estey will make a special appearance at this year's performances.

On Saturday, November 27 and Sunday, November 28, special *Nutcracker* brunches will be held a McCarter Theatre at 11:30 a.m. They will be catered by Main Street.

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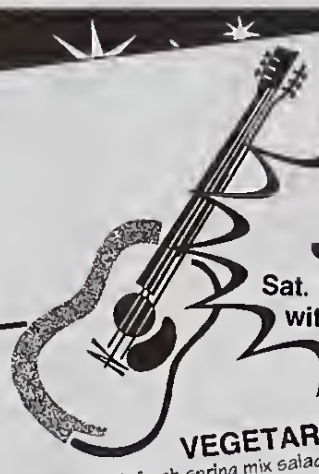

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Clubs & Organizations

The Castle Tour, to benefit the **Historical Society of West Windsor**, will take place on Sunday, December 5, from 1 to 4, at Tamarack Farms, Princeton Junction. Featured will be exhibits of events, people, music, books, and more from each decade of the 20th Century.

All three floors of the 26-room house will be fully decorated for the holidays. Most rooms house a collection. Antique dolls and toys are in one room, for example, while other collections consist of musical instruments, tools, quilts, and early kitchen equipment.

Christmas trees decorated in different styles range in size from the six-inch miniature tree in the doll house to a two-story tree in the Great Hall. Mannequins, each dressed in the clothing of a 20th-century decade, will be on hand; a room-size train layout is part of the event; and Santa will greet visitors.

Visitors will be free to set their own pace, following a route described in a Guide Sheet provided. Stocking stuffers and Historical Society items will be available in the gift shop.

Tickets at the door will be $6 for adults; $4 for senior citizens (60-plus), Society members and students, 6 to 18 years of age; and $1 for children under six.

Tamarack Farms is located on Bear Brook Road, one mile east of Route One, from the Meadow Road or Alexander Road exits.

The **Dogwood Garden Club** will hold its annual scholarship fund-raising luncheon at Greenacres Country Club, Lawrenceville, on Thursday, December 9.

Cathy Miller, author and White House floral director for three U.S. presidents, will demonstrate floral arrangements for the holiday season. Proceeds from the luncheon will support scholarships for Mercer county Community College horticulture students and the club's other community projects.

For more information, call 896-2398.

On Tuesday, November 30, the **Women's Division of the United Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks** will hold the first in a series of three events for area business and professional women. The program will begin at 8 a.m., to allow business women the opportunity to attend a continental breakfast and program before the start of their working day.

Susan A. Orshan, Ph.D., R.N., will discuss techniques for managing stress in the workplace.

For more information, or to receive an invitation, call Linda Cohen, director of community services at the Federation office, at 219-0555.

The **Griggstown Historical Society** will hold its 19th annual "Greens and Goodies Sale" in the restored one-room schoolhouse in Griggstown, from 10 to 2, on Saturday, December 4.

Featured will be fresh greens, holly, hand-decorated wreaths, and kissing balls made of boxwood. Hand-decorated centerpieces will be on display on tables filled with homemade goodies — cakes, cookies, and fancy breads — made by members of the Historical Society. New York State cheddar cheese will also be for sale.

Visitors will be treated to hot, spiced cranberry punch, heated on the pot-bellied stove, while they browse through the items offered for sale by society members.

Griggstown may be reached from Route 27, via Bunker Hill Road at Kendall Park, or from Route 518, via Canal Road. The schoolhouse, located behind the Griggstown Reformed Church, dates back to 1849.

The **League of Women Voters of the Princeton Area** will hold a brown bag lunch on Wednesday, December 1, from 12 to 2, at the home of Frieda Gilvarg, 240 Hartley Avenue.

Longtime Princeton League member Eleanor Angoff will discuss "Making Princeton Senior Friendly by 2005."

To register, leave a message at 924-7018.

The **Piano Teachers' Forum** will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, December 3, at the home of Olga Gorelli in Pennington starting at 9:30.

At 10, Phyllis Alpert Lehrer, professor of piano at Westminster Choir College, and department chair for 18 years, will present a lecture/demonstration "Tips for Teaching and Performing Contemporary Pieces."

Co-author with Barry Green of *The Inner Game of Music Piano Workbook*, Ms. Lehrer wrote the practice suggestions for the four books of *Études for the Development of Musical Fingers*, edited by Frances Clark, Louise Goss, and Sam Holland. She has written articles on technique, memorizing, and performance anxiety for numerous piano journals.

An active solo, duo, and chamber musician, Ms. Lehrer recently recorded a CD with her duo-piano partner, Ena Bronstein Barton.

For directions or more information, call Beryl Kutrieb, at 586-4587.

Single Faces, New Jersey's singles organization, will hold an evening dance party on Saturday, December 4, at the Princeton Country Club, 1 Wheeler Way, starting at 9. The cost will be $12.

For directions, call 452-2620; for other information, call (732) 462-2406.

Support Sources

The **ALS Association** (Lou Gehrig's Disease), Greater Philadelphia Chapter, will hold a meeting on Saturday, December 4, from 1 to 3, at the Lawrenceville Municipal Building, Route 206, directly south of I-295/I-95.

Facilitator Rick van der Heuvel welcomes all ALS patients, their families and friends, as well as anyone interested in learning more about ALS. For more information, call (215) 726-8724.

John Monahan, president and CEO of the Greater Trenton Community Mental Health Center, will deliver a lecture on "Mental Health and Mental Illness" at **Mercer County Community College** on December 1, at noon. The program is part of the college's "Distinguished Lecturer Series."

The talk will take place in the Communications Building, Room 109, on Mercer's West Windsor campus, 1200 Old Trenton Road. It is free and open to the public. No reservations are necessary.

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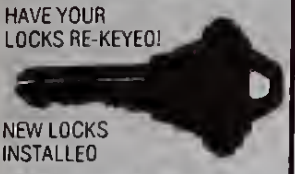
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SPORTS

In Football Game Being Played for Pride, Tigers Had None Left When Time Ran Out

With just 15 minutes left to play in their tumultuous 1999 campaign, the football team seemed to finally have things under control.

Facing fellow league cellar-dweller Dartmouth, on the Big Green's home turf, the Tigers built up a comfortable 18-point lead over the first three quarters while keeping Dartmouth from lighting up its scoreboard even once. In a game being played not for standings but for pride, it looked as if the Tigers could end their season with a reassuring win.

But by the time those final 15 minutes expired, that scoreboard would tell quite a different story: Dartmouth 19, Princeton 18.

One interception and two 80-yard drives by the Big Green in the fourth quarter set up a punishing 19-point comeback to send Dartmouth (2-8 overall, 2-5 Ivy League) off the field with a miraculous end to its frustrating year, Princeton (3-7, 1-6) back home disappointed again and 5,920 fans out of Memorial Stadium in wonder at how the Big Green had just pulled it off.

"We left the door ajar," head coach Steve Tosches said. "Eighteen to nothing is not enough of a lead — not where it should be. We should have scored more points today, and it came back and haunted us. Two 80-yard drives — if you told me that that's the way this game would end against our defense, I wouldn't believe it. I absolutely would not believe it."

Believe It or Not

On the first play of the final quarter, the Tigers found themselves at third-and-five from their own 42 with the eighteen-point lead in tow. Sophomore quarterback Tommy Crenshaw - who already had a pair of passing touchdowns on the day — spotted an open receiver, freshman Chisom Opara - No. 21 - open in first-down territory.

But as Opara bobbled the Crenshaw pass, Dartmouth's No. 21, safety Todd Jelen streaked through for an interception to put the ball — and the game's momentum — in Dartmouth's waiting arms.

"That was the big play of the ballgame," Dartmouth head coach John Lyons said. "We got the turnover. We got real good field position. We were able to capitalize on that, and I think we had a lot of momentum after that."

Jelen's 38-yard return put the Big Green on the Tigers' 20-yard line, and poised to finally notch a few points. It took six plays, but Dartmouth quarterback Brian Mann - who would finish the game with a school record 328 passing yards - had his team back in contention.

On third-and-goal from the eight-yard line, Dartmouth threw the Princeton secondary off guard by loading the left side with three receivers. The Tigers miscommunicated a coverage rotation, and Mann found his man — tight end Lee Roach — wide open on the right side of the end zone. Princeton's closest defender, strong safety Kevin Kongslie, could only watch from over ten yards away as the Big Green finally put some points on the board.

After a Princeton three-and-out, Dartmouth was pinned on its own 20-yard line, still down by 11 points. But Mann needed just one minute, five seconds to dissect the Princeton secondary again and put his team back in the end zone.

Roach Wide Open, Again

On third-and-seven from his own 49, while being chased down by two Princeton linemen, the quarterback somehow connected with a wide-open Roach again streaking up the middle and into the end zone behind his closest mark, a helpless Kongslie again. The Big Green's attempted two-point conversion failed, but Dartmouth was then within five, 18-13.

A beautiful coffin-corner kick put the Tigers all the way back at their own four-yard line. But driving 60 yards downfield and converting four straight third downs, it looked as if Princeton was back in command. At fourth-and-one from Dartmouth's 36, the Tigers could not go any further.

Princeton took a delay of game penalty and punted into the end zone for a touchback. But the damage had been done. The Tigers had taken seven minutes off the clock and put the Big Green back on their own 20-yard line again.

"The best thing about this game was the way we just hung in there," Lyons said. "We finally stopped them and were able to get off the field and get the ball back for the offense. They used up a lot of clock on that drive."

Just Give me a Minute

But Mann needed only 1:03 this time around to take his team 80 more yards for six more points. The quarterback simply picked apart the Tiger secondary through his quick march downfield. A 24-yard completion to wide receiver Damien Roomets down the left side put the Big Green on Princeton's 32 yard line. Mann then found another receiver, wideout Matt DeLellis, outpacing Kongslie for a 32-yard strike to the end zone.

Dartmouth 19, Princeton 18. It was the first lead change in any Princeton game all season.

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FINAL 1999 IVY LEAGUE STANDINGS

Last Week's Scores

Dartmouth 19 Princeton 18 Cornell 20 Penn 12
Brown 23 Columbia 6 Yale 24 Harvard 21

	Ivy			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Brown	6	1	.857	9	1	.900
Yale	6	1	.857	9	1	.900
Cornell	5	2	.714	7	3	.700
Penn	4	3	.571	5	5	.500
Harvard	3	4	.429	5	5	.500
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Tiger Football

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"Eighteen points isn't that much," Crenshaw said. "There was never a point when I felt like we could just run out the clock and hold the ball. I didn't feel like we had the game secured yet. Eighteen points really isn't that much."

The Tigers had one final shot with a mere 45 seconds remaining in the contest. After a sack on Crenshaw and two incompletions, Princeton closed out the game - and its season - with a last play that would tell the whole story.

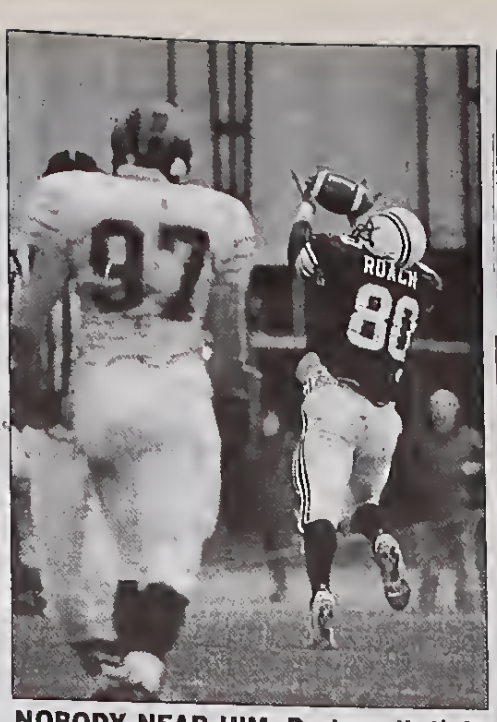
With Dartmouth defensive end Kyle Schroeder bearing down on him, Crenshaw had no one open. The quarterback simply threw the ball up the middle, a prayer pass in desperate circumstances. And wide open downfield was Dartmouth linebacker Steve Varney, who waited as the ball fell into his arms for a final interception.

It seemed like we were pretty much destined to lose that game," Schroeder said. "It seemed like the refs were against us. There was that questionable fumble right at the start of the game. On third down and long, the wind would pick up right in [Mann's] face. We pulled it out. It's what we've been trying to do all year to fight to the end of the game."

Nothing New for Northrop

Earlier in the game, sophomore kicker Taylor Northrop - who missed two extra points last week against Yale - hit the right goal post on another PAT. In the last play of the first half, the kicker also missed a 38-yard field goal attempt well wide left. While those points could have secured a win come game's end for the Tigers, it was the Big Green's fourth-quarter resurgence and the Princeton defense's inability to stop it that cost the game for the Tigers. The same Tiger secondary that contained the explosive Yale air attack to just 47 passing yards in the second half allowed Mann to pass his way all the way to a comeback victory.

"We were our own worst enemy a lot of this season," Tosches said. "We have some talent, but the focus, the concentration - when its not there, you leave games like this up for grabs. Unfortunately, that's what happened."



NOBODY NEAR HIM: Dartmouth tight end Lee Roach hauls in his second touchdown pass in a little more than three minutes against a befuddled Princeton secondary. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

The Tigers built up their lead through the first three quarters on 121 rushing yards from junior running back Kyle Brandt and two perfect touchdown strikes from Crenshaw to senior wide receiver Danny Brian. With 4:50 left in the third quarter, Princeton even earned a safety. Mann was being chased down by the Princeton defense in the end zone when he threw the ball away with no receivers around. Because of the intentional grounding penalty in the end zone, the Tigers were automatically awarded two points for a safety. It was a most surprising score in a most surprising game In the end, it would not be enough to maintain a Princeton victory.

"After everything that's happened this season, nothing really surprises me at this point," senior linebacker Chuck Hastings said. 'It would have been nice to go out winners, and it looked like we were going to for a little while there. It's pretty heartbreaking."

—Rick Bullock

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A SAD END TO A SORRY SEASON: Two members of the Princeton football team walk dejectedly off the field in Hanover after the one-point loss to Dartmouth. The final devastating loss of a 3-7 season was probably the catalyst that brought on the resignation, forced or otherwise, of coach Steve Tosches. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Chance for a Positive Start to Next Season Goes Down the Drain for Tiger Football Team

They saved the worst for last.

One quarter away from erasing at least some of the painful memories of a dismal season and giving itself a positive start toward next fall, the Princeton football team self destructed in Hanover, N.H. last Saturday afternoon. It wasn't a pretty sight.

Leading a 1-8 Dartmouth team, 18-0, entering the final 15 minutes, the Tigers meekly surrendered 19 points, thus ensuring themselves of finishing tied for last place (with Columbia) in the Ivy League for the first time in 23 years. The final overall mark of 3-7 matches those in 1990 and 1996, the worst recorded under head coach Steve Tosches. The 1-6 Ivy mark is the poorest since Bob Casciola's team went 0-7 in 1973.

The fourth quarter scenario brought back memories of a contest on the same field six years ago between the Big Green and the Tigers. A Dartmouth quarterback with No. 11 on his jersey rallied his team from a 22-8 fourth quarter deficit to a 28-22 triumph. That No. 11 was Jay Fiedler, the Ivy League Player of the Year in 1992, who has gone on to a career in the National Football League.

This quarterback, wearing the same number, was an unheralded sophomore, Brian Mann, who merely had the best day of his short career, completing 26 of 43 passes for 328 yards. In the end he chewed up a Princeton secondary that didn't appear to have a clue how to break up a pass.

After Dartmouth's first touchdown covered just 20 yards, Mann took the Big Green 80 yards in just four plays, heaving a 49-yard pass for the second score (elapsed time 1:04). The winning points came after another 80-yard drive in eight plays, finished off by a 33-yard pass (elapsed time 1:03).

Meanwhile, Old Nassau's offense could not answer the challenge. Tommy Crenshaw, who looked in command early on with two touchdown passes to Danny Brian, could not even find a way to get the Tigers positioned for a long-range field goal attempt. After Dartmouth's second touchdown, he got the Orange and Black all the way from its four-yard line to the Dartmouth 36, but the drive stalled there when the Tigers could not convert on third-and-one and chose to punt.

At the weekly press luncheon before the Dartmouth game, Tosches was asked what kind of meaning this game had between two teams that had gone nowhere all season long. He answered that it would help set the tone for next season, and help give the returning players a positive attitude during their off-season conditioning program.

All that is now lost, and this program, which has the worst record, 17-23, among all league teams since 1996, will have to start from scratch next spring. The mental attitude will have to be addressed more than anything else.

"As of right now, we don't have anybody who knows how to win," said Crenshaw after the loss. "We're going to have to learn how to win ourselves."

Around the league, Brown and Yale, as expected, share the Ivy title with 6-1 marks. The Bruins started slowly, but got by Columbia with a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns. Not surprisingly, Yale had its hands full with Harvard in the Bowl, and needed a touchdown pass by the redoubtable Joe Walland with 29 seconds left to pull out a victory. They had 52,000 at that game, and they were paying a lot more than $5 a ticket.

Cornell pulled off a minor surprise by knocking off Penn, and finishing third in the league. Its quarterback, Ricky Rahne, had another big day, completing 24 passes for 296 yards. He set a single-season passing record for the Big Red with 2,762 yards. So did Penn's Gavin Hoffman, who threw for 2,328 yards in 10 games. **—Jeb Stuart**

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Tigers Nip Yale in ECAC Hockey, Elis Beaten, 2-1

Princeton versus Yale
Tuesday, Nov. 23 in Baker Rink
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For the first time this season, the Princeton hockey team played well defensively, and lo and behold the Tigers were rewarded with their first victory, a 2-1 triumph over Yale last Friday night in New Haven.

The victory moved the Orange and Black (1-2-2 ECAC, and 1-3-2 overall) out of 10th place and into a four-way tie for seventh with RPi, Union and Dartmouth, pending the outcome of Tuesday night's rematch with Yale in Baker Rink. The Orange and Black were looking to sweep the series with the Bulldogs for the second time in as many seasons.

This weekend, Old Nassau will play just once, meeting Hockey East rival Northeastern in Boston. Princeton fell to the Huskies, 4-3, last December in Baker Rink, and given that the two do not play each other every winter, has not defeated them since a 7-6 overtime win on the road in January, 1975. Northeastern leads the series 22-12-3.

Old Nassau will return to ECAC action on Friday and Saturday, December 4 and 5 when it plays Cornell and Colgate in Baker Rink. Both the Big Red and the Raiders are at or near the top of the ECAC standings, having swept St. Lawrence and Clarkson at home last weekend.

STATHOS STOPS SKID: Superb goaltending by sophomore Dave Stathos helped the Tigers win their first game of the season last weekend.

Stathos Is Superb

Good goaltending will go a long way to winning games, and the work of sophomore netminder Dave Stathos, as much as anything, put Princeton into the win column. Yale had 34 shots, Princeton got off 33, and Stathos stopped all but one that came his way.

But the Tigers still needed to score to win this one, and the two goals they managed were both surprising. And maybe the answer to winning is not scoring an early first-period goal. In all five previous ECAC contests, the Orange and Black had scored a goal in the opening minutes of the first period, but had not gone on to win any of them.

This time Yale tallied the early first-period goal. It had 16 shots on Stathos, and connected on one by Ben Stafford with just 6:15 gone. Getting off 15 shots of their own, the Tigers had several good chances, but came up empty.

In the second period, however, the shot most unlikely to end up in the net did just that. Chris Barber's easy wrist shot floated toward the goal, and at the last second deflected off Benoit Morin's stick and over the shoulder of Yale goalie Dan Lombard.

The two teams entered the third period tied, and for a while this one seemed headed for overtime. Princeton had already squandered a five-minute power play when Yale's Jay Quenville was penalized for hitting Morin from behind. Unable to score while a man up, Old Nassau pulled off another unlikely play and tallied while a man down.

Ethan Doyle provided the heroics. With Kirk Lamb in the penalty box serving a bench minor for too many men on the ice, Doyle corralled a loose puck in his own end, slipped around the last Yale defender with a banked pass to himself off the boards, and fired a shot past Lombard.

That put Princeton up 2-1 with 8:03 and Stathos made the lead stand up the rest of the way, including the final 1:20 when Yale skated with an extra man.

—Jeb Stuart

ECAC HOCKEY

Friday, November 19
Princeton 2 Yale 1
Colgate 4 Clarkson 3
Cornell 4 St. Lawrence 0
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Saturday, November 20
Colgate 4 St. Lawrence 1
Cornell 10 Clarkson 4
Dartmouth 1 Vermont 1
RPI 10 Holy Cross 2

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Colgate	5	1	0	10
Harvard	4	1	0	8
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St. Lawrence	4	2	0	8
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Yale	2	2	1	5
Rensselaer	2	2	0	4
Union	2	2	0	4
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Monmouth Gives Princeton Hoops All it Can Handle in Sloppy Game

The NBA enacted several new rules this season to increase scoring and make its games more fun to watch.

A few more college games like last Saturday's between Princeton and Monmouth's men's squads, and the NCAA might consider following suit.

When they were not busy turning the ball over, Princeton and Monmouth took turns throwing the ball around the perimeter, seemingly waiting for the shot clock to force them to put up a shot, which usually did not go in.

Princeton netted a few more baskets, and eked out a 37-35 victory over a team it beat 63-36 last year. The Tigers, who lost their first two games to Syracuse and Missouri, narrowly avoided going 0-3 for the first time since starting 0-5 in 1979-80,

"We had 15 turnovers," said Princeton coach Bill Carmody "I'm very disappointed in my guys ... We had good practices this week. I'm surprised and disappointed."

CENTER OF ATTENTION: Monmouth held Princeton's star center, Chris Young (shooting) to seven points on Saturday by frequently double or triple teaming him.

(Photo by Gabe Fossati/Princetonian)

Turnovers were only part of the problem. Princeton shot a woeful 34.1 percent for the game, and made just five-of-20 three point attempts. Monmouth "only" turned the ball over 12 times. But it made just 31.8 percent of its shots.

The game's first half looked like a basketball version of *The Bad News Bears* movie, only both teams were the Bears. Monmouth made four-of-19 shots over the first 20 minutes, and missed all five of its three-point attempts. Princeton also shot four-for-19, and made just one-of-13 from beyond the arc.

It was 12-12 at the half. The youth-league teams that played during halftime put on a better show. When a student-fan made three-of-six shots while trying to win a car (not enough for the car), his peers started calling for Carmody to give him a uniform.

Near Miss

Princeton has been celebrated for its upsets and near upsets of big name teams. In its home opener, college basketball's David suddenly found itself playing the role of Goliath. It barely ducked the stone.

Pesky Monmouth, which went 5-21 last season, and returned just one starter, won a moral victory in its season opener by coming so close to beating a nationally recognized program.

It almost got a real victory. Sophomore guard Rahsaan Johnson, whose hot shooting down the stretch enabled his team to reduce a 31-22 deficit to 37-35, put a bit too much force into his buzzer-beating desperation toss from three-point land, which would have made it 38-37 Monmouth. The shot bounced off the square and hit the rim but did not drop. "It just didn't go in," said Johnson. "Hopefully it will next time."

"They held us to one less point than last year," said Monmouth coach Dave Calloway. "But we did a better job defensively. I'm proud of my guys in that they came back after they fell down [31-22]. Being down nine to Princeton is like being down 20 because they're well coached and have good ball control."

Calloway must have been talking about last season's Princeton team, which had 449 assists and 362 turnovers. That is good ball control. While they may be well coached, the 1999-00 Tigers have 37 assists and 47 turnovers so far. So far not so good.

Pleasant Surprises

Johnson barely played for the Hawks last year, but made a great case for more playing time by scoring a game high 13 points in just 20 minutes.

Another player who made the most of his time on the floor was Princeton sophomore reserve Mike Bechtold (see box), who scored eight points in 17 minutes, and was the only Tiger with no turnovers. Bechtold nailed an NBA-length three with the shot clock winding down to swing the momentum back Princeton's way after Monmouth pulled within 34-33.

Bechtold's shot put the Tigers up 37-33,

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That plan backfired when Princeton's Nate Walton got an huge offensive board on a miss by freshman guard Spencer Gloger. Monmouth fouled Walton with three seconds left. Walton, a junior forward who finished with no points, but had a team high nine assists, missed the front end of the one-and-one. Monmouth got the rebound, and called time out with 2.4 seconds showing on the clock — just enough time for Johnson's doomed heave.

"We didn't play nearly as well as we're capable of," said Gloger, who led his team with 10 points. "On offense a lot of us were just lost. I don't down know whether it was the crowd, whether it was [playing] our first game at home."

Chris Young, Princeton's 6'11 sophomore center, who entered the game averaging 15 points, scored just seven, though he did grab eight boards. Young sprained his back recently, and did not return to practice until Thursday. He said the injury did not bother him during the game.

However, being double and sometimes triple teamed by the Hawks bothered him plenty. "Their zone would collapse down low," said Young. "It seemed like when I did catch the ball I'd have two if not three guys running at me. It made it tough."

Young's co-captain, 6'9 forward Mason Rocca, has yet to play this season because of a groin pull. Carmody did not expect Rocca back in time for the Tigers' next game, against Ohio University in Halifax, Nova Scotia this Friday. Carmody hoped Rocca would be well enough to play in the Food Lion MVP Classic at Charlotte, N.C. on December 3 and 4, but was not sure whether that would be possible.

"I haven't thought about that," Carmody replied when asked what sort of momentum, if any, the Monmouth win would give Princeton as it prepared for Ohio (18-10 last year). "We have a lot of work to do."

—Albert Raboteau

Could Bechtold Be the Man Whom Carmody Is Looking For?

Mike Bechtold played just six minutes for Princeton University men's basketball last season.

If his performance last Saturday in the the Tigers home opener is any indication, fans will see a lot more of him this season.

Bechtold scored eight points in 17 minutes, and nailed a key three pointer to help Princeton survive Monmouth 37-35.

The 6'6 sophomore was sidelined for most of last season with a stress fracture in his left shin, then had surgery on his left knee in February.

As a result, Tiger coach Bill Carmody had little idea of whether or not Bechtold could help his team. About all the coach knew about the sophomore, basketball wise, was that he played a mean game of H-O-R-S-E.

Mike Bechtold

In practice "I put him in about a week ago," said Carmody of Bechtold. "And he took it seriously. He played hard like he wanted to get a spot, so I put him in [the game]."

Carmody's decision paid off when, with the shot clock winding down and Monmouth rallying, Bechtold sank an NBA-length three-pointer in the game's final minute. His shot was from a spot often used while playing H-O-R-S-E, but rarely used while playing college basketball.

"Maybe he's the guy to make [shots] out there," said Carmody. "I don't need a good basketball player. I just need a good H-O-R-S-E shooter. He tried to make that shot. A lot of guys, with the clock running down, just throw it up there. He zeroed in."

Bechtold scored over 1,600 points in three years at Lebanon (Pa.) High, which indicates his game is not limited to trick shots. For a player with so little collegiate experience, he looked remarkably composed down the stretch of Saturday's game. On a night when the Tigers committed 15 turnovers he was the only active player on his squad who made none.

"I do a little bit of everything," said Bechtold. "If it's rebounds, if it's hustle, if it's making the big shot, throwing the extra pass, I just want to get in there and help the team win ball-games."

Now injury free, Bechtold hopes for an expanded role. Though he could not play for most of last year, he studied the Tiger play-book, and is ready to put what he learned into practice. And while injured, he worked on his H-O-R-S-E game.

"I practice that shot," he said of his clutch three. "I save it for the last letter."

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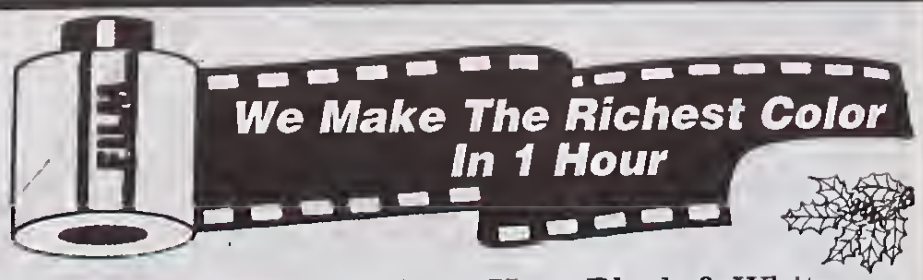

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Princeton men's soccer hit the snooze button a few times, but, like an alarm clock, Virginia finally ended the Tigers' dream of a national championship.

Princeton tied host Virginia at 1-1 with six minutes left in the second half to force overtime in the first round of the NCAA playoffs last Sunday. The Tigers then fought the Cavaliers for 37 nerve-wracking minutes before losing 2-1 in a third extra period, a rarity in soccer.

Virginia jumped on top just 8:56 into the game, and stayed there for most of regulation, thanks to solid defense which held Princeton to 11 shots on the day and allowed Virginia keeper David Comfort to win with just three saves.

But Princeton's defense, anchored by senior backs Griff Behncke and Chad Adams, and by freshman keeper Jason White (seven saves) kept the Tigers within striking distance.

Princeton struck at the 84:21 mark. Matt Striebel took a loose ball in front of the net and sent a cross to Lucas Moskowitz, who tied the game from 17 yards out.

As overtime wore on, both defenses wore down and the increasingly fatigued teams traded several scoring chances. Shortly before Virginia's winning goal, Comfort made an unbelievable stop on a point-blank shot by Tiger freshman Matt Douglass. Finally, after 127 minutes of play, Drew O'Donnell beat White. He was assisted by Peddie graduate Steve Totten. O'Donnell's 18-yard shot whizzed by several defenders and seemed to freeze the Princeton keeper.

Play On

As tough as the loss was for Princeton and its fans to take, there could be no arguing that Virginia was the better team, that day at least. The Tigers lost on a real goal, not on penalty kicks. The NCAA's decision to allow a third overtime (rather than resorting to PKs after two) made for a more satisfying finish.

A week earlier, Princeton won the Ivy League outright for the first time since 1960. It shared the crown in 1988 and 1993.

Princeton is loaded with young talent. Moskowitz, Striebel and White are all freshmen. They will probably get another crack at the NCAA's. Their expected presence over the next three years could make the wait for Princeton's next outright Ivy title a lot shorter.

However, next season the Tigers will certainly miss Behncke and Adams. Both were recently named first-team All-Ivy for the first time.

White and sophomore forward Mike Nugent also made the first team. Nugent led the team in scoring this season with eight goals and two assists. White tied a school record with eight shutouts on the year. Princeton had more first-team All-Ivy selections than any other school.

Sophomore midfielder Matt Behncke (Griff's brother) and sophomore defender Graeme Rein made the league's second team. Defender Bob Nye (yet another of Princeton's bumper crop of freshmen) received honorable mention.

—Albert Raboteau

Lauren Welsh

PDS Grad Honored By Ivy Field Hockey

Lauren Welsh — who led Princeton Day field hockey to a Prep A title last season — was named the Ivy League Rookie of the Week on November 16, after she scored two goals for Dartmouth in the ECAC championship game against Harvard on the 14th.

Dartmouth won 3-0, to finish its year at 14-5 overall, and went 5-2 in the Ivy League. It wound up third in the league, behind Brown and Princeton (both 6-1 in Ivy play). In 1998, sparked by Welsh's scoring, Princeton Day went 16-0-3.

Let us not open those two green cans of worms known as the Jets and Eagles. The Giants are 5-5, but judging from their spanking at home by the Redskins last Sunday, there will be no playoff games at the Meadowlands this season.

Princeton High may just have the worst case of whatever it is that is making all these teams so sick this season.

—Albert Raboteau

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This winter, the Princeton Recreation Department will offer "Start Smart," a nationally acclaimed six-week program in which parents or guardians of children, ages 3 to 5, work with the children to help them develop the basic motor skills needed to participate in sports.

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The six-week session will begin on January 8, at the Suzanne Patterson Center, (behind Borough offices). The Saturday morning classes will start at 9:30 and last for 45 minutes. The fee is $35 for Princeton residents. Because classes must be kept small, it is essential to register early.

For more information and registration forms call 921-9480.

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In Football These Are Surely The Worst of Times

Casey Stengel was talking about baseball when he asked his terrible Mets club, "Can anybody here play this game?"

He could have been talking about football in these parts.

Princeton High lost its season finale 58-12 at Wildwood, finishing the year 0-10. It was a long, tough first year for PHS coach Ray Streleckl, but there are several coaches in the area who know how he feels.

Princeton's two other high school football programs, Princeton Day and Hun, also got new coaches this season. Both programs finished below .500. PDS wound up 4-5 while Hun was 2-8.

And there was plenty of football futility on the college level too. Princeton University won no road games in going 3-7, tying the 1990 and '96 teams for the worst record in head coach Steve Tosches' 13 mostly excellent years at the helm.

Misery loves company, and Princeton and Rutgers' programs have been so miserable this season that they may want to forget their long-standing rivalry and share sob stories. Tosches will not be back. Rutgers finished 1-10, its worst record in 63 years, and reporters have been calling for coach Terry Shea's head like Jacobins after Marie Antoinette.

Princeton and Rutgers faced each other in the first college football game ever played. Technically, they have been playing this game longer than anyone else, but they sure did not show that this year.

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OBITUARIES

Marianne Rees died on November 19 in her Longview Drive home, of complications brought on by ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). She was 68. A Princeton resident since 1966, she helped shape the character of Princeton through her efforts to bring affordable housing to town.

Born Mary Ann Russ in Staten Island, N.Y., she grew up in Ridgewood and attended Cornell University, receiving a B.A. in government in 1953. She moved to Princeton in 1966 with her husband, Albert Rees, who taught economics at Princeton University.

Marianne Rees

As President of the Board of Trustees of Princeton Community Housing from June 1974 through July 1978, Mrs. Rees oversaw the construction, occupation and management of Princeton Community Village, the first federally subsidized housing project in Princeton Township. She continued to serve on the Board of Directors of PCV until 1985. While raising two children, she worked towards a Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning at Rutgers University, which she completed in 1978.

She went on to work as a Senior Research Analyst in the Research Division of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency in Trenton and as an Associate Director of Issues Management at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark. Mrs. Rees retired after the death of her husband in 1992, but continued to serve the community as a member of the Princeton Housing Board. She served as President of that board in 1998 and early 1999.

Although she also volunteered her time to Planned Parenthood and the League of Women Voters, where she had served as Chair of the Princeton Municipal Committee, those who knew her best will remember her love for gardening. The garden she created at her home was planted with many unusual varieties, and was a stop on garden tours in the Delaware Valley area. She especially enjoyed helping others make plants grow. Mrs. Rees was a member of the North American Rock Garden Society as well as a certified Master Gardener.

She is survived by two sons, Daniel Rees of Denver, Colo., and Jonathan Rees of Pueblo, Colo., as well as her companion of six years, Thomas Tweedale. A Memorial Service will be held for her on Saturday, December 18 at 2 p.m. in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Princeton on Cherry Hill Road. In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to either Princeton Hospice or the Greater Philadelphia chapter of the ALS Society.

Anna Intartaglia, 72, Ewing Street, died November 19 at the Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Ischia, Italy, she lived in Princeton most of her life. She graduated from Princeton High School and was a homemaker most of her life.

Daughter of the late Salvatore and Maria Boccanfuso, and wife of the late Dominick intartaglia, she is survived by two sons, Andre and Louis, both of Princeton; two sisters, Philomena Souza of Hamilton and Jane Perone of Princeton; and a brother, Frank Boccanfuso of Lawrenceville.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church. Interment was in Princeton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, 214 Nassau Street, Princeton 08540.

Arrangements were under the direction of The Kimble Funeral Home.

Willie L. Washington, 57, Redding Circle, died November 19 at the Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Trenton, he lived there before moving to Princeton five years ago.

He worked with Champale Co. more than 10 years.

He graduated from Trenton Central High School.

Son of the late Morris J. Washington, and brother of the late Bruce Washington, he is survived by his mother, Elizabeth Roland Washington of Princeton; and three brothers, John of Princeton and Eddie and Harry, both of Trenton.

Funeral was held Tuesday at Hughes Funeral Home, Trenton. The Rev. Felicia Y. Thomas, pastor of First Baptist Church of Princeton, officiated.

Joseph Henry Harms, 94, of Springfield, Ohio, died November 10 at Heartland of Springfield.

Born in Columbia, Pa., he was a longtime resident of Rocky Hill before moving to Springfield in 1976.

He was a member of Rocky Hill First Reformed Church, where he was treasurer, elder, and deacon.

Mr. Harms served as mayor of Rocky Hill and as a councilman.

Son of the late John Harry and Esther M. Shortledge Harms, husband of the late Mildred Harms, and brother of the late Clarence R. and George C. Harms, he is survived by a daughter, Marilyn Miller of Medway; two grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held November 20 at Littleton & Rue Funeral Home, Springfield, with the Rev. Thomas R. Stout officiating.

Burial will be in Rocky Hill Cemetery.

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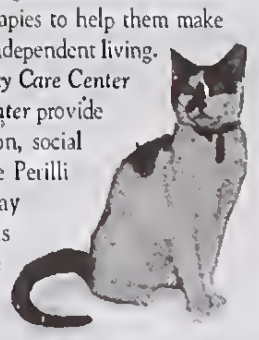

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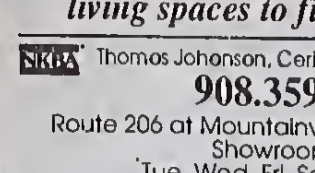

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Datus C. Smith Jr., 92, of Meadow Lakes, Hightstown, a book publisher and foundation executive, died November 17 at Princeton Medical Center.

Mr. Smith played a leading role in the development of American scholarly publishing, and in the promotion of book publishing in the Third World. During his later years he was also active in international foundation work.

Born in Jackson, Mich., the son of Datus and Marion Smith, he attended public schools in Kinderhook, N.Y. and Pasadena, Calif.; spent a year at Phillips Academy Andover in Andover, Mass., and graduated from Princeton University in 1929.

After editing Princeton Alumni Weekly from 1931 to 1939, he became director of the Princeton University Press, a position he held until 1952.

Under Mr. Smith's leadership, the Press published seminal works in many fields, including launching the multivolume *Popers of Thomas Jefferson*, edited by Julian P. Boyd.

From 1952 he served as president of Franklin Book Programs, a nonprofit organization promoting the development of book publishing in the Third World, primarily in Asia and Africa. During its most active years, Franklin had 17 offices around the world producing books in several dozen languages.

In 1967 he became John D. Rockefeller III's senior associate, serving as vice president of the JDR III Fund, a foundation promoting the arts and Asian-American cultural relations. After his retirement in 1973, he continued to work as a consultant and volunteer with such organizations as the Asia Society, the Japan Center for International Exchange, the U.S. Committee for UNICEF, the National Endowment for the Humanities, UNESCO, and the Association of American University Presses. He was also active in local Democratic politics and Princeton University alumni affairs.

He is survived by his daughters, Sandra Smith Opdycke of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and Karen Smith of Geneva, Switzerland; three granddaughters; and one great-granddaughter.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Clarence Leslie "Bucky" Tunison, 63, of Montgomery, died November 13 at home.

Born in Somerville, he lived in Skillman for more than 41 years.

He retired in 1998 after 30 years as assistant supervisor with the Montgomery Township Road Department.

He graduated from Somerville High School and served in the U.S. Navy from 1954 to 1958.

Son of the late Clarence and Mable Van Liew Tunison, and brother of the late Myrtle Gibson and Katherine Castle, he is survived by his wife, Margaret Hughes Tunison; a daughter, Felice Charlet Tunison of Lawrenceville; a brother, Eugene of Plainfield; and two grandchildren.

Funeral was Friday at Second Calvary Baptist Church, Hopewell. Burial was in Stoutsberg Cemetery, Hopewell.

Bernadette Marcellious, 79, of Tabernacle, died November 18 at the Mount Holly Center in Lumberton.

Born in Trenton, she lived in Princeton and Browns Mills before moving to Tabernacle five years ago.

She was employed for 15 years as a receptionist at the Princeton University Press.

She was a former communicant and member of the Altar-Rosary Society of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, Browns Mills. She was a eucharistic minister, lector, H.O.P.E. volunteer and a communicant of the Church of the Holy Eucharist, Tabernacle.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Earl W. Marcellious; a daughter, Renee Heiss of Tabernacle; a sister, Ella Rowden of Imperial Beach, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated Monday at the Church of the Holy Eucharist, Tabernacle.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 400 Birchfield Drive, Mount Laurel 08054.

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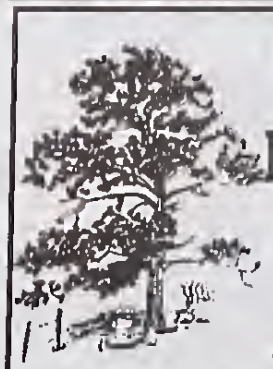

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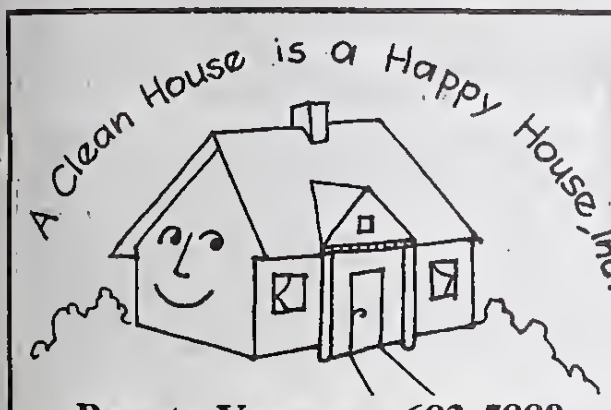

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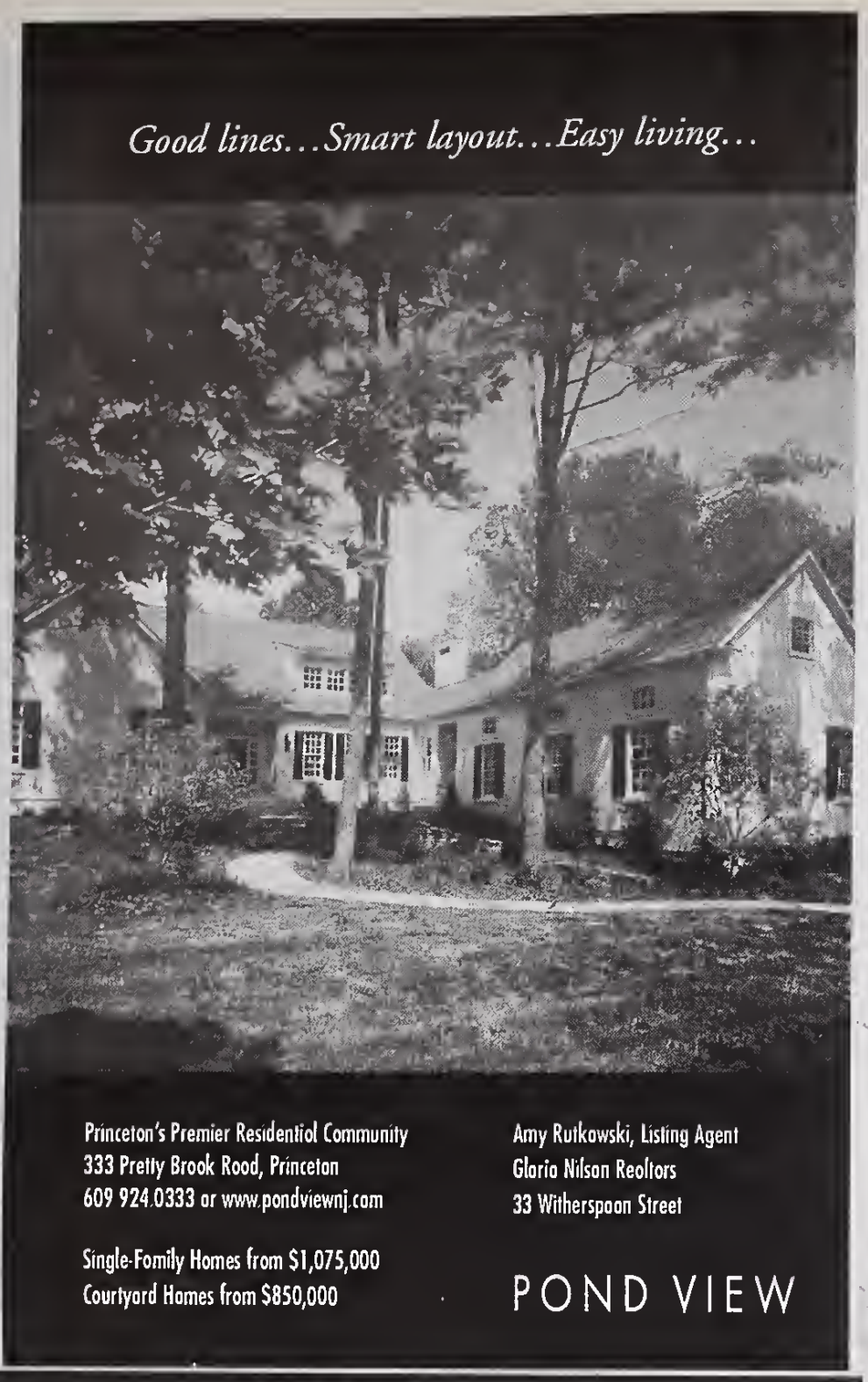

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With a background in sales, Lauren Petty truly has a special talent for real estate. Prior to entering the real estate profession, she worked in sales for Tiffany & Co. in New York. This position gave her a unique perspective on marketing, an ability she has incorporated into her real estate business.

Lauren's people skills were honed during her 12 years as an elementary school teacher in Virginia where she was born and raised as well as in Florida where she has also lived.

Since moving to Princeton where her husband's family lived for over 40 years, Lauren has become very active in the community. Her interests vary from scouting, garden clubs and Junior League to her recent appointment to serve on the board of The Friends of the Princeton Public Library.

Although new to real estate, Lauren brings her career a variety of skills that should prove to make her a successful real estate agent.

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LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION - Bordering the western entrance to Princeton University this ½ acre lot provides perfect privacy among tall trees and mature landscaping. Meticulously designed wood frame house features a bright and cheery eat-in kitchen with skylights; living room with fireplace and built-in bookshelves; dining room, Florida room and 2 bedrooms with 1½ baths. Upstairs are 2 bedrooms and a bath. One car garage plus carport. Walk to the theater, the "Dinky" and town. **MLS#1074930.** **$550,000**
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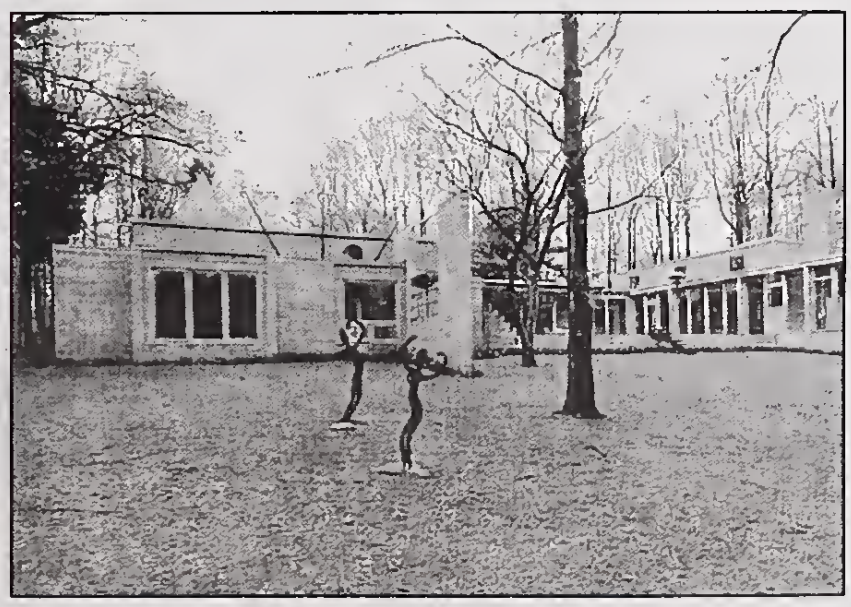
Princeton - This handsome spacious Colonial, at one of Princeton's most prestigious addresses, is moving to completion, and will offer gracious details, light-filled kitchen and family room with fireplace, dynamic room designed to serve as a home theater.

Hopewell - Your office and your home - with separate entrances - under one roof. Pleasant office spaces connect with a comfortable and gracious 4 bedroom Colonial on a deep pretty lot. Or consider converting the office wing for a spacious home. $345,000



Princeton - The excitement of this Post Modern Contemporary, designed by Peter Waldman, is created by interior and exterior details, while the serenity is created by use of light and textures. Two wings frame a garden with gracefully stepped lawns.

Princeton - On the corner of two of the Borough's favorite tree streets, this charming brick duplex has 2 identical units - each with 2 bedrooms. Ideal for investment or the possibility of living in-town, having help with the mortgage. Off-street parking. $345,000

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